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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope your second week at home has gone as smoothly as it possibly can. I am reminded as I look outdoors that spring is here and the trees are full of blossom and the birds are singing. Spring is always a sign of hope and new life and as we enter into Holy week on Sunday it's important to hold on to those thoughts.

Thank you to everyone teachers, children and parents who are working hard with their home schooling. I am so proud of you all and the way you are tackling your learning. Should you have any problems with log ins etc, Mr Bath has asked you to e mail him:

greg.bath@stjoes.org.uk

He will get back to you as soon as he can to answer your queries. Remember the Easter holidays are coming up and whilst we won't be doing the things we normally do at home the children need a break from home schooling as well. There are still plenty of fun things to do which the teachers have suggested on their google classroom accounts and we can all keep up our fitness routines with Mr Wicks

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-TGEdzRzSbw>

CHURCH NEWS

We are live streaming Mass every day at midday at www.josephfrancis.org/livestream

There are children's prayer services every week day morning at 9.40 am they are fun and interactive and you can join in with your friends from school with a song and a prayer.

<https://zoom.us/j/425005079>



"Together we love, together we hope, together we learn."



Younger children might well appreciate this too.

There will also be a children's liturgy at 10.30 am on Sunday using the same zoom invite

Father Tom would like everyone to know if you are taking your walk past the church there will be blessed palms for you to collect.

We are coordinating support for people who are vulnerable at this time, helping with shopping, collecting prescriptions or offering phone support. If you would like to help with this or would like some support yourself, please let us know.

Alongside your prayers, you can take the opportunity to telephone or email someone who is isolated, buy some additional food for your local foodbank, or offer to deliver shopping for an elderly neighbour. We may not be able to touch physically, but we can make connections in so many other ways.

God Bless from Father Tom

WEBSITE

Please visit the school website especially parents/Covid 19 information updates. I have put some links to Ten:Ten prayer services and daily prayers to help us through. There are also other websites that you can access for home schooling. We will also post the latest Government information updates for parents on our web site.

Mental Health

These are challenging times for our young people and it is important to read the newsletter that went out yesterday. Miss Laken has put together lots of ideas and web site help for you to access. Here are just 2 of the web sites you can access help from:-

<https://www.kooth.com/> - Kooth - a free, safe and anonymous online counselling and emotional wellbeing site - UKS2 only

<https://youngminds.org.uk/> - YoungMinds - mental health support with a 'Find Help' section on their site for parents and children.

If you have any queries over the next few weeks please e mail the office rather than the school phone as we will be checking the school e mail over the holiday - office@st-josephs.org.uk

I will be thinking of you all during this time, our St. Joseph's family is even more important than ever and we will be exploring new ways to stay in touch after the Easter holiday.

God Bless

Mrs Jackson

"Hosanna!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

