

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we enter this Holy Week, let us do so together, in good spirit, confident that the Lord is always with us to comfort, strengthen and guide us in every way.

Many of you will have heard what was said by Pope Francis in his message to the City and to the World last week. We can take great solace from these words.

“The Lord asks us and in the midst of our tempest, invites us to reawaken and put into practice that solidarity and hope capable of giving strength, support and meaning to these hours when everything seems to be floundering. The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love. In the midst of isolation when we are suffering from a lack of tenderness and chances to meet up, and we experience the loss of so many things, let us once again listen to the proclamation that saves us: he is risen and is living by our side. The Lord asks us from his cross to rediscover the life that awaits us, to look towards those who look to us, to strengthen, recognize and foster the grace that lives within us. Let us not quench the wavering flame (cf. *Is* 42:3) that never falters, and let us allow hope to be rekindled”  
– **Pope Francis, Urbi et Orbi, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2020.**

### **Home Learning**

I am glad to see so many of you and your children engaging on Google Classroom. I wrote to all the classes on there today to let them know I am thinking about them all and hope that they are working well at home.

### **Free School Meals**

The government has now created a voucher scheme and Katie has spent yesterday and today contacting those who are entitled to this and how they proceed.

### **Easter Holiday Work**

Teachers will continue to put work onto the google classroom to help you keep an element of routine and to give your children something to occupy them during the time they will have to be indoors. During Holy Week, there will be more emphasis on Religion, as there would have been if we were in school.

Please do take the time to remember the Easter story during this time and reflect on the events of Holy Week with your child. Check the website for activities with a particular emphasis on Holy Week.

### **Key Workers Child Care Form**

The new form for Key Workers will be resent on Tuesday 14th April before we are due to return. Parents will need to ensure to return the form before 3pm on Thursday 16th April, if they need this child care and have no other options for the week of the 20th April.

On behalf of the staff and governors of St Peter & St Paul I would like to wish all our families a Blessed Holy week and Happy Easter.

Stay Safe

God Bless

Miss T Peters

Miss C McGuinness