

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

I hope you are all keeping safe and well.

I must start with a thank you or two...or even three! A thank you to you and your children. I know I keep saying it, but we have been overwhelmed with the email messages and support we have received from you; I can not thank you enough. It has been wonderful to hear from most of you via the teacher's telephone calls as well. Year 3, Year 2 and Nursery children will receive their call this week. We will follow the rota to start calling again next week. We have all enjoyed seeing the children's photos; please continue to email them to admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk. Please share the tweets with your children so they can see what their friends have been up to. Remember that twitter is the quickest and easiest way for me to share your photos, daily fun activities and learning for you. There are also many links on our class pages which you can find on the curriculum tab on our website (www.clitherow.herts.sch.uk) and then click on learning.

Thank you also to the dedicated staff and governors at our amazing school! They have been incredibly supportive during this unprecedented time and they have all adjusted to school life and home working life well. Thank you, Team SMC!

Thank you also to the families that have sent in words for our community prayer project. Team C will start working on the tiles this week!

Hopefully you have been able to access the learning activities mentioned above should you need it. I hope the way we have decided to share the learning with you has been well received. We do not want to put additional pressure on families that are trying to work from home or look after family members with daily learning tasks, hence our decision to have work available rather than insisted upon. My primary focus is that our families are safe, happy and well. I want to reiterate the message from the parentmail I sent a couple of weeks ago...You are, and always have been, your child's primary educator. If you decide that your child is not going to engage with anything on our website and is going to spend the entire period playing in the dirt, or baking, or watching TV, then that is your choice. That is your right. There is nothing to stress or feel guilty about!

We want to look back on this lockdown in years to come and remember the happy memories of playing, baking and being together as a family. I found a beautiful poem online at the weekend and I wanted to share it with you...

I tried to teach my child with books,
He only gave me puzzled looks.
I tried to teach my child with words,
They passed him by often unheard.
Despairingly, I turned aside,
"How shall I teach this child?" I cried.
Into my hand he put the key,
"Come," he said, "play with me."



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Please remember we are here for all of you, the office is manned Monday to Friday so pick up the phone and call us or email us if you need anything!

You may have seen a lot of talk about free school meals vouchers from the media recently. If your home situation has changed during these times, you may be eligible to receive free school meals. Please visit www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals to check if you are eligible, it only takes a couple of minutes. If you have confirmed eligibility, please do let us know so we ensure your child receives a lunch delivery every day at home. Please be assured that this information is treated with confidence.

There has been more speculation in the media recently about schools reopening. Remember that unfortunately I have no information or knowledge about when our school will reopen. However, please rest assured that we will be working incredibly hard to ensure school is a safe place to be when we are given the green light to reopen.

Please note, school will be open for key worker children this Bank Holiday Friday (8th May). Feel free to send in any VE Day celebration photos.

And finally, please check twitter later today for a video our staff and governors would like to share with you and your children. Enjoy!

God Bless and stay safe

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