ST MARY MAGDALENE SCHOOL
WOOLWICH CAMPUS
Summer 2020 Newsletter – Number 1

We hope you all made the most of the Easter season in these challenging times. It was a much different feel to spending time with the family and we hope you were able to do this whilst showing love and kindness.

THIS TERM WE WILL BE FOCUSSING ON FAMILY LOOKING AT GRATITUDE:
"O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

Welcome to the Summer Term. It is certainly not the start to the Summer Term that we could possibly have imagined when we started the year back in September but, thinking about our value and memory verse set in July 2019, let us – "*give thanks to the Lord, for he is good: his steadfast love endures for ever*". We would like to hear from each and every one of you this week so do contact your teachers and let them know what you have been up. We will be sending out a newsletter every Friday for the children so if there is something you would like to share that you have been doing at home together, a picture, a poem, some top tips on keeping safe and working at home or any good news you would like to share with the school community, please upload it to OneNote before the end of each week or email it to the main school office.

A BIG THANK YOU

Whilst thinking about the start to the new term it is only right that we acknowledge how well as a community we have done in supporting ourselves as well as being resilient and coping with the myriad of changes that have occurred since the end of March. We have grown together and got used to the new normal. I would like to thank you for working with us and doing your best to support your child.

LEADERSHIP TEAM

If you need to talk to a member of the Leadership Team, we are always happy to help. Please let the office know if you would like to speak to a specific person and we will always let them know. As we get used to a remote way of working please call the school office on **0208 854 3531** and we will endeavor to call you back at a convenient time.

HOME LEARNING EXPECTATIONS

Please look out for our home learning expectations we have put together to help you structure your child's learning time. Your child's class teacher will continue to upload work online and monitor the activities and progress every day. Your child will receive praise and rewards for completing their tasks. When your child is working online, please check regularly that they fully understand what it is they are doing and are also staying safe online. There are lots of children who have still not accessed some of the work set and we would like EVERY child to get in touch with their teacher this week and tell them one thing they have done (or email a picture) to show them – we miss the children and want to share their fantastic home learning with them. The Senior Leadership Team will be contacting families they haven't heard from to check you are okay and are receiving the learning ideas.

Please do not worry about getting through **all** the home learning ideas - we have provided plenty because we'd rather you had too many than too few so you can choose the ones you want to do. Even if, as a minimum, you read to your child each day, find out the answer to one of their questions, or ask them to work out the ingredients and follow a recipe, you are helping your child learn.

BBC BITESIZE

If you aren't already aware, you may be interested to know that the BBC Bitesize programmes will begin this week to support children's learning. There is also a handy primary planner (and a secondary model for those of you with children in both phases), which will be updated daily and to give you a taste of what is available that day:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/sounds/play/p089l5yz

KOINONIA YOUTUBE CHANNEL

To help you with ideas some of our staff team have very kindly put together a number of YouTube clips which you and your children can enjoy on our Koinonia You Tube page. The clips range from stories being read, exercise ideas and craft activities. Over the coming weeks we will be adding more and we hope everyone enjoys hearing or seeing a familiar face.

https://tinyurl.com/Koinoniayoutubechannel

STAY HEALTHY AT HOME

Parents and children click on the link below to take part in each week's health and fitness challenge. You will also be able to log your participation and might win prizes for the school.

https://www.greenwichssp.co.uk/stayhealthy

ONLINE SUPPORT

If you are having problems accessing any of the learning that we have set for your child, please contact Mrs Ringmo or Mrs Amao on the following email address: wwsupport@koinonia.com.

FREE ONLINE LIBRARY

If you are in need of more reading material for your child, try the Oxford Owl Free ebook library using the link below.

There are lots of ebooks for all abilities that can be downloaded to tablets and devices:

https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page/

MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Considering 'Gratitude' as a community

Can I challenge everyone to share how you grow an 'attitude of gratitude' in the way you live: let's share some ideas and try ones we haven't tried before.

Here are a few starters from me – a couple that I do and one that we as a family are going to start doing:

- *To those I speak to (bus drivers, call handlers, shop worker) I wish them a good day before they say it to me.*
- *I send a postcard to friends or family when I think of them to tell them how grateful I am for them in my life/my history/my journey of faith.*

To give us a light at the end of this tunnel:

- *We are starting a list of things we want to do first when we are not in lockdown – either things we had planned or things we miss – for us it will involve going to a beach, seeing friends in Bristol, having pizza and ice cream at a restaurant…*

In all these things, we spread love and grow hope as we show our gratitude.

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GENERAL OFFICE HOURS
The school office is open every day for general telephone enquiries during the following times
8:30 am – 12.15 pm
and
1.15 pm – 3:30 pm

0208 854 3531