



19th June 2020

"Treat others the way you would like to be treated yourself."

Message from Mrs Procter to the children.



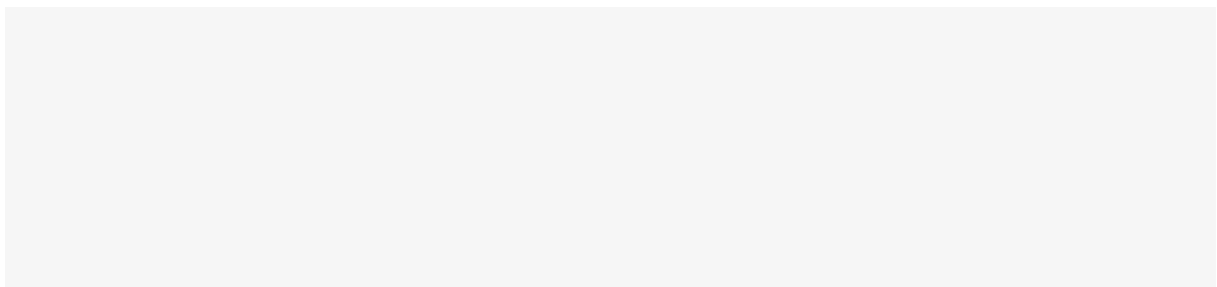
In school we have been very busy getting ready to open for more year groups. On Monday we will be welcoming back our Y6 children. I know that some of you will be disappointed that you cannot come back to school yet but as soon as it is safe we will be back together and we will have a HUGE celebration!



Well I have been very impressed with some of the artwork that you have been sending in for our Maths in Art competition- the closing date is today so I will announce the winner next week! Here are a few of the designs that I have received so far.



This week I have a challenge for you. Can you find the six words hidden in the picture below- you will have to look very carefully!!



Message to parents

Yesterday marked 13 full weeks since our schools closed and we went into lockdown. You have now had your children at home for two summer holidays. You have protected, nourished, educated, supported and entertained your children during this period of national and international uncertainty and fear. You have experienced emotions for yourself and your family that you never knew existed, never mind experienced before. Think about how you feel at the end of the summer holidays, how ready both you and your children are for routines, how badly your house needs cleaning, how much work you have to catch up on, how exhausted you are hearing Mum/Dad every time you happen to sit down. Please remember everyone is struggling despite what their social media pages look like, you are doing an amazing job, you have achieved something that no other parent has! It is ok to feel drained, it is ok to feel like you would give anything for five minutes peace, it is ok to feel uninspired about another day of homeschooling, another day of never ending cooking. Be proud of what you have achieved, history will show what courage you have had and your children will always remember this special time at home.

I know that parents are frustrated that their children cannot return to school and that our plans have changed over the last few weeks. As a school we wish for nothing more than opening up our doors to all year groups but unfortunately as we have to stick to a maximum of 15 children per class this is not possible! The ever changing guidance is really hard for us as a school and we would like to be able to stick to our original plans but unfortunately we have to follow the advice of the Local Authority.

Next week we will be opening to more year groups and will be inviting our Y6, Y1 and FS2 children as well as our key worker children. I am immensely frustrated with the press headlines saying schools are re-opening- we have never been closed and that teachers have had twelve weeks off!!

When we were asked to close our doors we did so, making sure that the sudden end of term was well marked and finished without alarm or distress being caused to our children. Within less than a week of being asked to close school, my team of committed staff had moved their learning from the classroom to children's homes with differentiated resources being available to all, both online and paper copies being set to ensure that no child was disadvantaged.

My staff have all worked within school on a rota system to support our key worker children throughout their Easter holiday, Half term holiday and Bank holiday without any extra pay- I don't know of any other profession where this is expected. Throughout all of this, my staff have indeed 'stepped up,' my staff have shown commitment, resilience, generosity and good humour, from the cleaners to catering staff, admin team to teaching assistants, site manager, senior leaders to SENCo, have without exception, worked creatively and without hesitation to ensure that the needs of our school community have been met. They have ensured that all of our children can continue to learn, that our school is a safe place to teach, that parents have been supported and our vulnerable children have been protected. I could not be more proud of them, nor more honoured to lead them. Next week they will greet your child with a smile and make them feel reassured about returning to school, even if they are feeling a little anxious themselves. Please keep our school in your prayers and hopefully soon we will all be back as a community.

Violin lessons



I have received a message off Debbie Darlington, our violin teacher, that she has decided to retire from teaching. I would like to take this opportunity to wish her luck and thank her for all the hard work and time she has dedicated to CTK - we now have some wonderful violinists.

Her replacement is a teacher called Jo Richards and she's known for being the violinist that woke up the giant on New Brighton beach with her violin! So many of our children may have seen her on top of a truck full of violins during the giant spectacular event.

She is also the violin teacher at Upton Convent, St Anselms, BHSA, St. George's and Overchurch Primary, making her extremely experienced. Mrs Richards has offered to teach any children interested in the violin via zoom and then lessons will eventually be in school when it is safe to do so.

Children will be taught to sit ABRSM examination grades, if they wish, as they are going to be doing online performance exams this year too. Mrs Richards also runs a community music company called "Melody Makers" (Wirral) You can check out on Facebook and website. She specialises in Irish folk Music too!

If your child is interested in violin lessons, cost is below and then please can you send your child's name to the school office with your preferred contact email and we will pass on your details to Mrs Richards who will be touch.

Also, she is running group zoom classes on Wednesdays (currently free of charge throughout the summer term) for any violin players that want to learn folk/ Irish tunes. She can email the music.

If any pupils are doing grade 1 or 2 or have been working on them then she has picked the folk pieces out the syllabus and has added them to the zoom group rehearsal If any of the violinists would like to take part we will forward you Mrs Richards contact details.

Costing:

£17 - 30 mins individual

£11 - 20 mins individual

£8.50 - shared 2 per group for 30 mins

£6 - shared 3 per group for 30 mins

Block bookings to be paid each term via bank transfer:

£170 individual for 30 min

£110 individual for 20 mins

£85 - 2 shared for 30 mins

£60. 3 shared for 30 mins

Due to lockdown all lessons are currently online via zoom so she is offering 40 minutes for the price of 30 minutes. Obviously once back at school pupils will only be allowed out of lessons for 30 mins max.

Many thanks,
Mrs Hunter

Our key worker children



The children in school have been enjoying a range of activities each day and have really enjoyed using our new outdoor prayer garden this week; they will find it quite a shock next week when other year groups return as they are used to having the whole school to themselves. They were not very happy when I sectioned off the yard this week!

Our numbers of key worker children has been growing rapidly over the last two weeks. This is why I wrote to all parents yesterday to ask that if they have a parent at home that they do not book their children into school as some parents do not have any childcare available to them. As a school we can only accommodate a limited number of children as we can only have class sizes of 15, once we have reached this capacity we will have to turn people away. Children accessing a key worker place should only be in school when both parents are at work.

Weekly Reflection

Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus said: "So do not be afraid of people. Whatever is now covered up will be uncovered, and every secret will be made known. What I am telling you in the dark you must repeat in broad daylight, and what you have heard in private you must announce from the housetops. Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather be afraid of God, who can destroy both body and soul in hell. For only a penny you can buy two sparrows, yet not one sparrow falls to the ground without your Father's consent. As for you, even the hairs of your head have all been counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth much more than many sparrows!

"For those who declare publicly that they belong to me, I will do the same before my Father in heaven. But if anyone rejects me publicly, I will reject him before my Father in heaven."

Jesus tells his friends that they are worth more than many sparrows. If we ever feel afraid, we can remember those sparrows in the gospel, and be reminded that God loves us even more.

Jesus says that, because God is looking after them, his friends need not be afraid to speak up and tell everybody about Jesus and the things he said.

And because of the coronavirus lots of people around the world need our help too to stay safe and well, just like they do in our local community.

This summer, like never before, we are called to be signs of hope for our world. You and your family are invited to be part of a Summer of Hope which will ensure clean water and food reaches some of the poorest families in the world during this global emergency. Visit **[cafod.org.uk/summerofhope](https://www.cafod.org.uk/summerofhope)** to find out more.

Father Tom is doing weekly mass on YouTube. Mass will be available Saturday evening and all day Sunday to view.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UKcolCb2AtM>

