Our Lady's & St Mochua's Primary School



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Dear Parents

13 March 2020

Please note the following;

Coronavirus Precautions: Due to the current concerns and advice in relation to the coronavirus we will continue to take precautionary measures while in school as per previous website updates. I would also ask parents to keep their child/ren at home if they present with a cough, sore throat or a fever.

Confirmation and First Holy Communion: You will also be aware that Confirmation has been cancelled including next week's Service of Light. The Do This in Memory Masses for children preparing to make their First Holy Communion have also been cancelled. At the moment, First Holy Communion will go ahead as planned.

Please also note there are no masses this weekend in our parish.

School Closure: You will be aware that due to the coronavirus outbreak school closures <u>may</u> be announced. In order to ensure that the children can continue with some school work each class teacher will be sending home a pack/booklet of work to be completed. This pack has been sent home either yesterday or today. <u>We ask that you keep this in a safe place and only use during the period of an unexpected closure.</u>

For children in P1-3 we encourage you to ensure that children continue to read (over-read) current reading books, go over spellings (both old and current), word boxes, word levels (as appropriate) and use a range of iPads and Websites to reinforce reading, phonics and number P1 (1-10) P2 (1-20) P3 (1-50)

Suitable websites; <u>www.oxfordowl.co.uk</u>. Online reading books. <u>www.topmarks.co.uk</u>. Covers all areas of the curriculum. <u>www.ictgames.com</u> (100 square games, ordering numbers and place value revision) <u>www.crickweb.co.uk/ks2literacy.html</u> (spelling practice) <u>www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games</u> <u>www.studyladder.co.uk</u>

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For children in P4-7 we encourage parents to ensure children complete as above as well as use Lexia (If assigned), Mathletics (P5-7) as well as our additional online homeworks available on the school website. There are a wide range of activities on Mathletics which the children can complete themselves without having work assigned to them. These include Live Mathletics. Continued learning of tables in P6 and P7 will be extremely important. In addition, there are many websites and iPad Apps that you can use to reinforce all areas of the curriculum. The following topics could also be researched by the children in preparation for their World Around Us Topic in Term 3:

P4 Great Fire of London Journey's and Transport

P5 Egyptians

P6 Rainforest

P7 Solar System

Suitable websites; www.primaryresources.co.uk

https://www.enchantedlearning.com/subjects/rainforest/

http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/

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Thank you for your continued support at this challenging time.

Yours sincerely

G Farrell (Principal)