

# St. Ann's Catholic Primary School Newsletter

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



Hello to all of our wonderful parents out there who are working so hard to adapt to family life in isolation. For all those families who are trying to home-school while also working from home - you are not alone and we understand your pain! For those Key Workers who are keeping our country going - we thank you.

This has been a great time of change for every family in every corner of the UK, and in our little school, and we are very grateful for your resilience and cooperation under these circumstances. We appreciate that every family is different with diverse needs and obligations, but we hope that you are slowly settling into a new kind of routine that is working for you and your family.

This is the first of a fortnightly newsletter that will go out every other Friday to keep us connected and provide you with any updates and resources we would like to share with you.

Wishing you and your families the best of health,  
All the staff at St Ann's School

## Upcoming Events...

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April – date unknown      Nothing!

## Proud to be me - Resilience

A big *well done* to everyone for adapting to such an unusual situation and trying your best in your new virtual classrooms! Stand up and give yourselves a big pat on the back – you all deserve to be *proud to be me*.

## Plugs for Parents...

**Home Learning:** It looks like we are going to be in this situation for some time, so it would be amazing if you could continue to support your child with their learning. We know it's not easy, but if we can keep these little brains ticking over then hopefully we can minimise the impact of no classroom input. If you are struggling to access Google Classroom or Seesaw then please drop us an email at [enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:enquiries@st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk) and we will get it sorted for you.

**Easter Holidays:** Weeks commencing 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> April are our Easter holiday weeks. Virtual Classrooms and home learning will stop over the Easter holiday as we all take a well-earned break from lessons. Virtual schooling will re-start w/c Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

**Virtual Schooling:** We have set up a virtual schooling page on our website which can be found at <https://st-anns.sheffield.sch.uk/virtual-schooling/> We hope that you find the links and information on this page useful.

**Ten:Ten Resources:** Next week is Holy Week so we would like to share this link with you for *daily prayers for home* that you might find inspiring. <https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/primary-subscription/prayers-for-home/homeprayer-2020-03-23/>

**PE with Joe Wicks:** Calling all parents with a cooped up child with too much energy! PE with Joe is streamed live from The Body Coach channel on YouTube every day at 9:00am. It's a great way for the children to start their day by getting active and burning off some steam.

**Head Lice:** What a perfect opportunity! I know we constantly pester about head lice, but getting them under control is a never ending problem in schools as children mingle and pass them on to unsuspecting friends. This is an opportunity not to be missed. If every child is checked and treated over this period of isolation then potentially we could be returning to a head lice free school once we re-open! Treatments can be found at local chemists, but please follow government guidelines with social distancing and only go out if absolutely necessary.

**Free School Meal Vouchers:** For parents of children who are in receipt of free school meals, please check your email inbox every Thursday for a FSM eVoucher. Full details of these vouchers can be found on the email.

### **Plugs for Parents Continued...**

**Serious Illness:** As part of our continued care for our children and families, we would encourage you to share with us any changes in family circumstances that may affect your child as a result of the Coronavirus or any other illness. Making us aware of this will allow us to offer further pastoral support for your child should it be required. This website offers support to those families who need to help children through difficult times. <https://rainbowsgb.org/parents-and-carers/>