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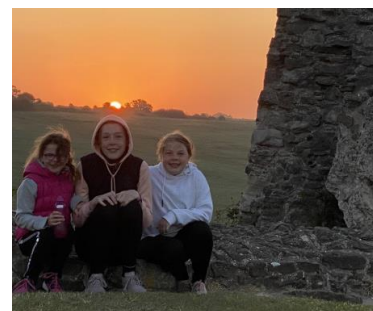
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Dear Parents/Carers



Photos that sum up this week so well – children back in school uniform and sunrise.

It has been lovely to welcome more of our wonderful pupils back after half term. Seeing them come through the gate in their school uniform has brought a little bit of normality and structure back into our lives. The children have taken to the new rules and



routines around school really well and their smiling faces running into school, their laughter and their enjoyment at being together again, as always, makes my day! This week we welcomed back 58 pupils in total which includes the children in our Key Worker Groups and Vulnerable children:

EYFS 15 Year 1: 8 Year 2: 2 Year 3: 4 Year 4: 5 Year 5: 5 Year 6: 16

I'd like to say a huge **WELL DONE** to all the children for being so sensible and resilient in adapting to a very different school experience, particularly to our youngest EYFS children who were brave enough to walk through the school gates without a parent/carer and then make their way to a new classroom in the school building with one of our school adults. As always, a very big **THANK YOU** to all of my wonderful Holy Family colleagues who have shown so much love and care to the children throughout the week, welcoming them with a big smile every morning, offering reassurance when needed and for working tirelessly to ensure our school environment is spotless and as safe as it can be every day. This week would not have run so smoothly without your dedication and commitment. Thank you also to the parents and carers for helping your children understand the importance of social distancing and hygiene rules. Thank you for so many positive comments throughout the week about how happy your children have been and how much you appreciate the care that has been put into organising this whole new way of working.



For those children who remain at home for the time being, remember you and your parents are never far from our thoughts and your teachers are always at the end of Class Dojo if you need anything! Our current provision will continue for the foreseeable future but we will also explore ways of extending our offer if it is possible to do so. We will seek to include your views on any changes that we may be able to make. Please understand that we will only make changes if it is possible to do so in a way that maintains the



safety and well-being of all staff and children. A Parentmail will be sent out later this week once I receive new guidance. These are some examples of the wonderful learning taking place at home this week.



For many of you it has been a challenging time, but you have shown resilience, you have offered your help to other members of the community, found teaching skills you never knew you had, stayed in contact with us and sent us some fantastic emails, photos and videos. Keep up the great work you are doing. As the national picture changes in the coming weeks, we are confident that our children will continue to show the same positive attitudes to learning, resilience and determination to succeed, in everything they do and Holy Family Staff will rise to the challenges ahead.



Reading Challenge

Juniper Education has created a six-book reading challenge to encourage our children to keep reading at home, to help parents engage with their child's reading and to make choosing a book a little bit easier. The Juniper Reading



Challenge has been designed to encourage children to:

- Read widely and often, extending their knowledge of authors and genres
- Write about and discuss what they have read
- Make recommendations to their friends
- Develop their overall reading skills

I have attached details again for how children can get involved.

**Congratulations Abiraam
on successfully completing the Juniper Challenge.**

Teachers will continue to upload powerpoints and worksheets as well as recommend useful websites each week.

Please continue to log onto: **My Maths, TTRockstars and Bug Club**

Regular daily lessons - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

Over 180 video lessons each week on National Oak Academy - <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Storytime daily on Monster phonics <http://bit.ly/3cvcgIM>

Lonely Planet - <https://www.lonelyplanet.com/kids/activities>

Why not visit the Maths Factor website created by Carole Vorderman <https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

Change4life - <https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities>

ONLINE SAFETY

With home learning taking place online and more free time spent on devices, it is so important that children are safe. The NSPCC have information on how to set up parental controls on a range of different devices and apps.

Follow the link below for more information. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

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As always, we are here to help and support you – please keep in touch. If you have any worries, you are struggling to buy food, need prayers or just someone to talk to, please let the class teacher know, or email either admin@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk or senco@holyfamily.essex.sch.uk. We continue to keep families who are going through a difficult time in our prayers.

God bless,
Mrs Hurley