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Dear Parents/Guardians,

1st May 2020

It is now an unbelievable 6 weeks since we have been together as a whole school family and it is also the start of another new month. However... you are very much in our thoughts every day. I would like to dedicate this newsletter to you - the community, Parish and parents. Each and every one of us have our own personal challenges during this unprecedented time. So please take a moment to read and reflect on our wonderful pupils' messages to you all. I just hope it brings you a little comfort in your lives.

With best wishes,
Mrs MD Brown
Headteacher

In school this week...

The children in school this week have been showing their appreciation for all of the wonderful key workers in our local area. This has resulted in a beautiful banner which will be displayed outside school. Please take a look at the photograph too, so that everyone may be able to see the fantastic work the children have put in to it. They have also been submitting entries to the John Lewis national competition to design a superhero bear that will be produced and sold over Christmas with all proceeds being donated to the NHS.



#DesignYourSuperBear



A poster of hope created by a Year 1 pupil



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Year 6

Year 6 wanted to extend the feeling of unity and support amongst us by writing a poem for our St Edward's family, parish and the wider community. We hope that the message of peace, hope and love brings you some comfort in the knowledge that while we remain physically apart, we are very much all in this together, now more than ever.



To our St Edward's family, our friends, relatives, and the wider community too,
The children of St Edward's want you to know that we're thinking of you.



We all know that these are difficult times -

Join us now as we want to make you happy with our rhyme.

Dear God, please look after all of our family and friends, and guide us in these hard times.
Help those in search of peace and comfort: shine your light of love on their hearts and minds.

Never let the flame of hope in you dwindle or blow out.

God is embracing you now more than ever - especially in times of worry and doubt.
For all the new born babies that have come into our community, bring real love and connection to their little hearts,

Even if they can't meet their wider family for the first time as they need to remain apart.

During sadness, grief and devastation,
We all need to stop at the happy train station.

We are like sticky notes: though we are physically apart, we will stick together,
As the road may be long, it is not forever.

We see God's work every day in the selfless acts of the amazing key workers and all that you do.

It is true; you are angels without wings and we really want to say, "Thank you!"

The peace and hope of our community is like an ember that will never be stopped if we all stay as one,
So please never feel alone in your grief because we are all in this together and together, we are strong.

We can smile from all of the positives so we need to try and focus upon these:

By remembering how lucky we are to have our wider parish family and so many treasured memories.

May radiant light shine through us and let the peace flow through our rivers,

This time has really taught us that when skies are grey, care, love and kindness always delivers.

Let us be united just as we are apart:

World peace begins with inner peace, this peace is allowing our world to have a much needed fresh start.

Whenever there is a dark cloud in the sky, look for a rainbow to light the way:

And from us, know that we'll continue to pray for you and when we're together again, oh what a perfect day.

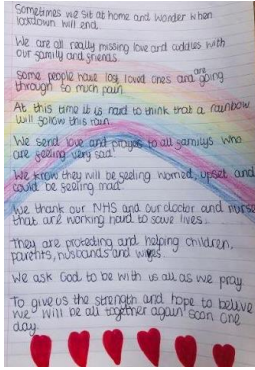
Love from all of the children in Year 6.

Year 5

In Year 5, we have been reflecting on those things we are thankful for in our lives, particularly at this difficult time. The children have created posters sharing what they are thankful for and we have put them all together to create a video which we hope you will agree, reflects on the importance of family, health and those who are sacrificing themselves for us all. Please access this video on our school website. This is helping us to remember that hope is the ability to see the light in spite of being surrounded by darkness. Thank you year 5 for sharing that message with us.



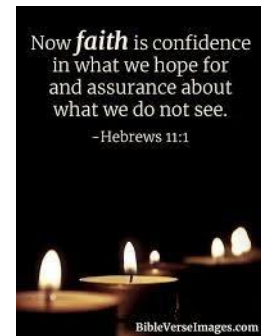
Year 3/4



This week Y3/4 have been celebrating their success in coping with these difficult times. The children have not only been completing their work at home but they have also been showing their support to the local community.

The children have been busy writing messages, prayers and drawing beautiful pictures and posters to offer support, sympathy, kindness and hope to others. We know that there are stories of such sadness too and we'd like everyone to know that we are thinking of them and sending love and prayers.

We had so many amazing examples to show off but here are just a few. Well done and keep smiling.



Year 2

This week, our Year 2 children thought very carefully about all the different ways we can spread joy in our world to show others that we care. The children were asked to create posters with their very own special message of hope in ten words or less. We hope they bring you comfort and joy.



With hope,
anything is
possible



Year 1

In Year 1, we know that when times are tough, we can call on God to help us.

Where there is God, there is hope.

We have been thinking about hope and what it means to us. We hope this will provide others with the hope they truly need right now.



A Prayer of Hope

Dear God,

When I stand at the beginning of a new day,
Bless me with vision to see the best of things to come...

Wisdom to make good decisions...

And most of all, faith that you are walking with me,
Every step of the way.

Amen.



EYFS

This week, our Reception children considered 'hope' as an animal, based on the following question... 'If hope were an animal, would it be a unicorn cantering through sunlit clouds or a hippo making rainbows? Or could it be a creature that most people barely notice – a small caterpillar, crawling across the grass?'

Here are some of their wonderful responses:



Our Nursery children have also been creating beautiful 'Rainbows of Hope', displaying them in their windows at home.

