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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin the Summer term, in a very unusual way, we embrace the warm weather and spending time with our families. Although this is not how we expected to start the summer term, it is important to make the most of this time. Miss Mowbray shared a clip recently about The Great Realisation. <https://www.probablytomfoolery.com/> it is certainly worth a watch and reminds us all about what we have learnt from this situation and what is truly important. After talking to parents this week, we chatted about the things we took for granted and how much we would all love to be back in the school yard chatting and laughing. It is only a matter of time before we will all be back together and sharing stories of our time at home.

We have been busy in school thinking of ways we can support the community. One way is through the Big Bike Revival. This is a service for any keyworker and can offer;

- Bike and equipment loan
- Bike servicing and repairs
- Bike safety checks
- Support and advice

A huge thank you to Miss Smith and Mr. Slack for setting this up in school and if this scheme can help you, please contact Miss Smith for further information. This is a great scheme and so far has helped us to provide bikes for keyworkers to get to work. Mrs. Graham's daughter in law, who is a Nurse, sadly got her bike stolen outside the hospital where she works. Thanks to the generosity of the public, money was offered to help provide a new bike for her and there was money left over to help buy more bikes for NHS staff and make a donation to an NHS charity. It is amazing how everybody comes together as a community during this difficult time. If this time has taught us anything; it is how amazing and kind everyone can be when we all work together.

Over the last few weeks, every child in the school, all members of staff and many of our volunteers and parishioners have received a phone call from a member of the school team. As a result of these phone calls we are able to help provide support for many families to support the children. Whether this be food parcels, educational aid and counselling. On the phone calls you have told us how you have been busy baking, playing games, reading and spending time with your families. If you would like to try out some new recipes, we have put some tasty recipes on the website. Mrs. Parker and Mr. Bourdieu have been working with Hebburn Helps to make and deliver food parcels in our community. If you feel you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact us. Mrs. Graham spoke to Michael Finlay from the parish to ask if any of our Parishioners needed support and he told me of the great work Lee from the Hackle pub is doing distributing over 100 meals each day with lots of community support and donations from Taz at our local shops.

You should have received a letter from the class teachers, letting you know all about the new class emails. Each class now has their own email so children can send photos or write to their teachers and let them know what they have been doing. We cannot wait to see and hear what you have been up to as we are all missing you very much!



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Last week, you should have received workbooks to help you with your home learning. Class teachers will place a link to weekly activities that they would like you to do on the school website. It will be under pupil login and your class page. Remember, these books are there to help you and for you to have a try, only do what you can.

We had lots of exciting trips booked for the children coming up in the next term but we have postponed all trips until further notice. When we have more information about this, we will let you know.

We are working hard to ensure you are kept informed during this difficult time. We have focused on the following communication channels:

- School website/social media updated regularly (Facebook).
 - Pupil and parent newsletters posted on website/ social media.
 - Home learning newsletters to guide your child's distance learning, CGP books and resource packs.
- If you have any queries about home learning, you can email: homestudyhelp@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

We continue to keep school open for the children of key workers who are unable to work from home. Please remember if you need any support from school or need to book your child in to email us the day before at: keyworkers@stmarysjarrow.co.uk

Over the coming weeks we will be giving further consideration to the recovery phase of this Pandemic and how we will need to work with our staff, parents, pupils to ensure our community gets back on track. Please stay safe and we are so proud of the children and how well they have adapted to the current situation.

You continue to amaze us and we cannot wait to see you all soon.

Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Tumelty and Mrs. Colley.



If you're having an especially tough day with your kids let them know. As you tuck them into bed say, "Today was rough. We will try again tomorrow" Kiss them goodnight, remind them of your endless love, and give your heart a rest because not every day can be easy and we will have days that wear on us

Be gentle to yourself.
Be gentle to your children, and just try again tomorrow.

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A prayer for the world:

God of love and hope, you made the world and care for all creation, but the world feels strange right now.

The news is full of stories about Coronavirus. Some people are worried that they might get ill. Others are anxious for their family and friends. Be with them and help them to find peace.

We pray for the doctors and nurses and scientists, and all who are working to discover the right medicines to help those who are ill.

Thank you that even in these anxious times, you are with us. Help us to put our trust in you and keep us safe. Amen.



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