

Newsletter

20th March 2020

Today will be the last time that we see many of your children face to face for a while. I would like to reassure that we are still with you in the weeks to come and are already thinking of creative ways that we can ensure that we stay in touch. Thank you for your support over the last few weeks as we have had to adapt to change on a daily basis. Your children have been amazing and are a credit to all of you. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the staff who have shown the children that they are loved and cared for whilst working hard behind the scenes to make sure that the provision for your children, whilst we are apart, is the best it can possibly be.

Diary Dates

March 20th – School closes for the foreseeable future

Meals from Cater Cater

Cater Cater will be providing meals for the school and village community from Monday. The meals will be available from St Peter's Church at 12:30pm

These meals are available to any child or family member as well as any member of the community. You may wish to use this to support elderly relatives or neighbours who are self-isolating.

For children who are in reception to Year 2 or who are in receipt of Free school dinners (primary and secondary) these meals will be free of charge and you will not need to order them. For all others:

£2.30 for a child / older adult meal

£2.80 for a larger adult meal

Meals can be ordered through Cater Cater directly by telephoning **01452 527888** orders need to be placed by 2pm the day before.

Where possible Cater Cater will be following the school menu that was sent out this week. This may be subject to change at short notice due to the current issues with food supplies.

All food will be supplied in disposable containers and these do not need to be returned.

If you are self-isolating and have arranged for someone to collect the food for you, please let Cater Cater know when you phone through the order.

If you are self-isolating and have no one to collect food for you, please email Mrs Nolan head@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk and copy in joeknight@outlook.com

We will liaise with community volunteers to get the food to you.

Additional Support

Food bank vouchers are available for families that need them. Please ask Mrs Harris.

jharris@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk or Mrs Nolan head@newnham-st-peter.gloucs.sch.uk

Food banks are open on Monday afternoon at Coleford and Friday morning at Cinderford.

Food parcels are available to cover the Easter holidays. Please ask if these are needed. These will be delivered directly to your door.

In the coming days and weeks if you are facing financial hardship and are short of food, please contact us as we can provide additional meals to help.

Light A Candle

The Archbishop has announced that church services have been suspended. They have expressed a wish that we could make this Sunday a day of prayer to send Christ's love and strength into our communities at this difficult time by lighting a candle in our window at 7pm.

It is a time to pray for others and show our solidarity in this time of trial.

Please help by joining us and show others that we care. If you would like to send a picture of your family and your candle to class teachers, we will add them to class pages.

Work packs

Teachers will be uploading work for next week onto the school website tonight. We are also providing a list of useful websites. I am aware that there is a lot of information being offered to parents from an overwhelming number of sources for activities to do at home. We would ask that you prioritise the work that has been set by class teachers as they know your children best. In the first week, please make well-being your main priority. Work on building relationships and routines. If you have some top tips that have worked really well for you in the first week, please let us know and we will share them with everyone.

Going forwards, we will be regularly updating you and sharing news via our newsletter and I will be writing a separate letter to children. Staff will be regularly updating work and have asked that you email them weekly.

We have sent packs of books and writing equipment out with children today. If your child is off school, I will deliver these to your house on Monday. If your child is off school and does

not have any access to a laptop or iPad, please let me know as I can deliver one of these as well.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Anne Nolan

This week's value - Hope