

# I AM A DISCIPLE FOR YOU JESUS

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Dear Parents and children,

As we approach the third Sunday of Lent we reflect on the God Who Speaks and ask him to give us the courage to continue our journey of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This was very noticeable in school today as we enjoyed Odd Shoe Day. Thank you for your generous Lenten fundraising contributions.

Please join us for Holy Mass on Sunday at 10:00am where Year 2 will be presenting themselves to the Parish and where we can listen to God's word and join the school choir in glory and praise.

Congratulations to our new trainee Altar Servers who are working with Mrs Skrybant We thank her for providing this wonderful opportunity for the children to develop their journey of faith.

I am delighted to share with you that we have successfully recruited two newly qualified teachers who will be joining our staff. Miss Finnegan (currently on her final teaching placement in Year 5) and Miss Kavanagh (a former pupil) who will be completing her final teaching placement with us in the summer term. We know they will be welcomed by our community and look forward to supporting them in the vocation that God has called them to follow.

We are continuing to take the advice received from the Department for Health and are vigilant in our approach to keeping everybody safe, well and healthy. Please read the advice attached.



Wishing you all a Happy Saint Patrick's Day

God bless Mrs R A Girling

## This week in school.....

**Our Reception classes enjoyed their INSPIRE curriculum based workshops.**

**Year 2 enjoyed preparing for their Mass this Sunday with their grown-ups at their RE Inspire Workshop.**

**Mrs Girling and Mrs Taylor enjoyed training on the Wider Curriculum.**

**Mr Henvey and Miss S Wood attended training on Mental Health and Well Being.**

**Thank you to our Governors from the Resources Committee who met this week.**

## PARISH MASS TIMES

SATURDAY VIGIL MASS 5:00PM OR SUNDAY 8:30AM / 10:00AM / 12 NOON

YEAR 3 : REGHAN & ROSE-ANN

YEAR 4 : HARRISON & JULIA

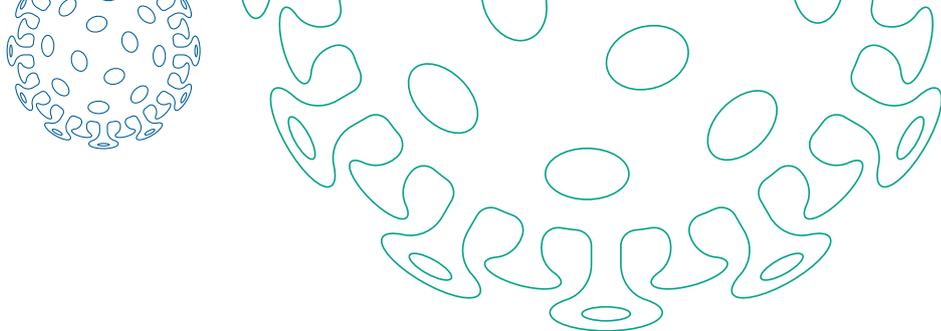
YEAR 5 : SUMMER & DIVYA

YEAR 6 : EVIE & JORDAN

YEAR 2 VERONICA & AARON

STAFF MEMBER : MISS FINNEGAN  
YEAR 1 : BELLA & MADDIE

RECEPTION : JACK & LILLY-MAY



# Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

## How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

## How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

### If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it by washing your hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser

### You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks & sport activities



Before cooking & eating



On arrival at any childcare or educational setting



After using the toilet



Before leaving home



Try not to touch your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come into contact with your mouth such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share items such as bedding, dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: [campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools](https://campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools)

## What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

**If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately**

