

It has been another very strange week. This week we received the news from the Prime Minister that there will be a phased re-opening of schools starting with Foundation 1, Foundation 2, Year 1 and Year 6.

Whilst we would love nothing more than to open the school back up to everyone, we accept that these are unprecedented times and the 'normal' that we once knew, is just not possible.

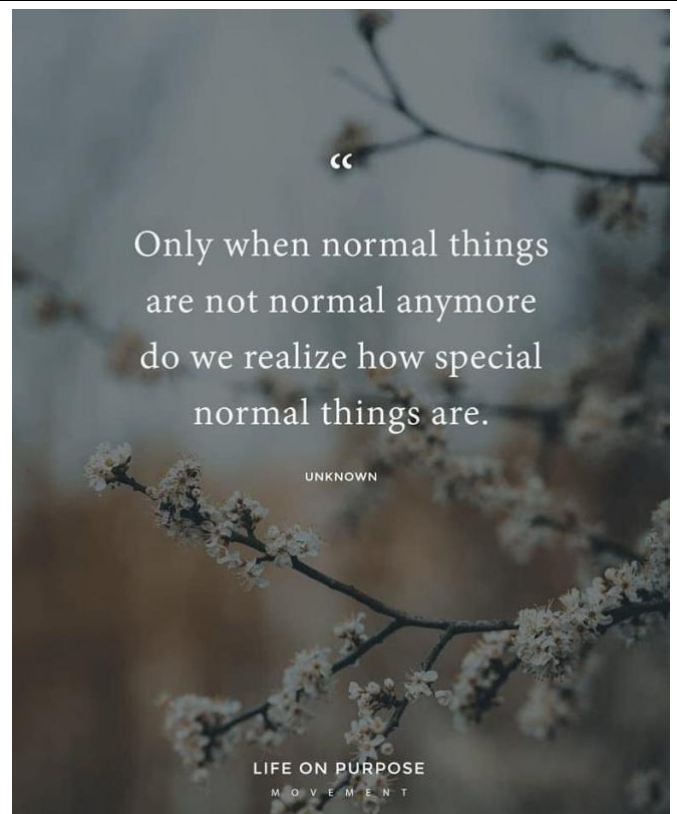
Over the next half term, we should be looking forward to sports days, summer trips, the summer production, the Leavers Mass, Assembly and waving Year 6 off to High School but instead we are re-arranging classrooms, ordering stock piles of hand sanitiser and writing risk assessments to ensure that when children do return to school we can care for them as safely as possible. This fills us all with great sadness I am sure.

Please do not underestimate how hard the staff are working, the teachers have not stopped. Their enthusiasm to support you as parents with home learning has been relentless. They have answered phones and SEESAW messages (some at all hours of the day and night), offered advice, support and reassurance and have done everything within their power to help all our families. The many messages of thanks and appreciation staff have received have made this all worthwhile.

Both TAs and teachers have also cared for key workers children and vulnerable children every day in school. Again, their enthusiasm to ensure these children take part in enjoyable tasks has been incredible. We know the risk of COVID-19 and many of us have had friends and family members affected by this dreadful virus therefore I can never thank the staff enough for continuing to be in school and care for children whilst accepting the risk to themselves and their loved ones.

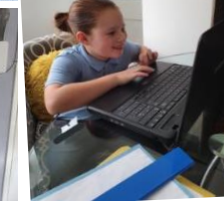
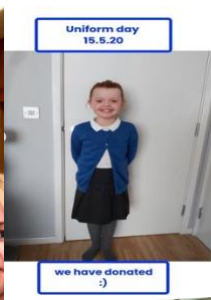
This is also why I know that the idea of re-opening schools again on the 1st of June causes anxiety and worry amongst many of you. We in school share those anxieties and I myself as a parent feel the same fears you do. We are all here if you wish to talk anything through with us. I know Miss Purdie, Mrs Jones, Miss Whitehead and Mrs Roberts are in contact with parents and are trying to answer any queries you have about a possible return for the children in their classes. We totally respect your decisions as parents and understand that any decision you make is in the best interests of your child and family but also know if you choose to send your child to school we will care and protect them as best we can.

Please stay safe and take care, Mrs Ralph.



On **Tuesday 12th May**, it was wonderful to see many of you marking '**International Nurses Day**' by creating beautiful lanterns. We were amazed by the incredible creations, many of which are pictured on our Twitter feed. This is a fantastic tribute to all the fantastic Nurses doing a wonderful job each day.





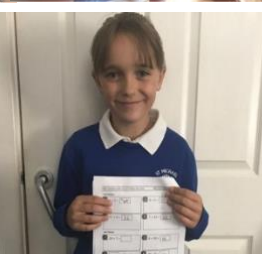
Thank you so much to all the families who took part in our 'Uniform Day at Home' today. I'm sure it felt a bit odd to you all! Your photos have filled our Twitter Feed and certainly made us smile! It has also made us miss you even more!!!

Keep sending your photos to your teachers and we will tweet as many as we can. These are just a few. We hope you enjoyed guessing the members of staff from their school day photos and if you haven't had a go yet, see how many you can get

right and let us know. If you still wish to make a donation to Wirral St

John's Hospice Appeal, please donate via the 'Just Giving' link which can also

be found on Twitter and our Facebook page.



One thing to be grateful for is that this week would have been Year 6 SATS week. We have always said TESTING does not show us all the wonderful qualities that your children have and so at least Year 6 escaped this horrible week. I for one did not miss the shopping trip for the enormous amount of breakfast food that is normally consumed! However I am well aware that next week we should have been waving the children off to Ireland. When all this is over and we are all safe again, we promise to invite Year 6 back to celebrate in some special way, but unfortunately that won't be before the summer. **All that is left for me to say is please remember to stay safe and follow the Government advice. You are all in my thoughts and prayers, Mrs Ralph**

An Irish Prayer

May God give you...
 For every storm, a rainbow,
 For every tear, a smile,
 For every care, a promise,
 And a blessing in each trial.
 For every problem life sends,
 A faithful friend to share,
 For every sigh, a sweet song,
 And an answer for each prayer.



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