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Summer term Newsletter

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MESSAGE FROM MR BULPITT

Dear Parents and Carers,

Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God

It is strange to be welcoming you back to a new term, but I am also struck today that it is important to remind ourselves that although we are in our separate homes, we are knitted together as a school community and our worship this morning will remind us that **“We are not alone”**.

Over the last four weeks teachers and children have been busy working and communicating via Google Classrooms and emailing pictures of some of the activities they have completed with their families. I have added some below to give you a flavour of what is happening in peoples’ houses as we embrace remote learning.



Bessie Rose Mack
My name is Bessie and I am 8 years old.
I go to Eltham Church of England Primary School and I am the only Bessie in the school.




Our Key Workers continue to serve and care for our nation during this time and again it is good to stop and thank God and them. Let us remember that they are mothers and fathers, sons and daughters, have friends and neighbours, just like us and they work selflessly on our behalf.



My pet
I have one dog and his name is Bear.




Matthew Bulpitt

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Please follow these two links

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LcouA_oWsnU

"You'll never walk alone" Captain Tom Moore and Michael Ball

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S9XhPQ6fnXc> ...

"The Road to Amarillo" by Peter Kay from the BBC "Big Night In"

Both videos show how people are joining together to celebrate and remind us that we are not alone.

Which bring us to our formal time of worship

Welcome

Let us say together psalm 46;

God is our shelter and strength,

always ready to help in times of trouble.

So we will not be afraid, even if the earth is shaken

and mountains fall into the ocean depths;

even if the seas roar and rage,

and the hills are shaken by the violence.

Message

Today would have been our Easter service at St John's. This morning I pray that we reflect on and remember that Jesus promised that He would never leave us nor forsake us.

In Luke's Gospel chapter 24 we read how Jesus's resurrection had caused confusion in Jerusalem and two of His disciples were walking to Emmaus about 7 miles from Jerusalem; when a man appeared to them, walked with them and talked to them about God and His promises. The disciples were amazed and urged the man to stay with them so that they could hear more. When Jesus revealed himself to them, they said "Wasn't it like a fire burning in us when he talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?" and they went back to Jerusalem to tell others that "He Has Risen".

Today, like those two on the road to Emmaus we may be feeling confused and alone. Let us pray together to ask Jesus to remind us of His love, His presence and His comfort. So that like them we know that we are not alone, and that our 'hearts burn within us' as we enjoy His peace and joy – especially in these difficult times.

Close

Let us come together in prayer

Lord God, as we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of your presence set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.

Amen

We continue to pray for you all across the school and give thanks to God for His presence in our lives and the life of the school. Please remember that you are not alone, and keep sending pictures and letters showing us all what you are getting up to.

With very best wishes

Matthew Bulpitt , Headteacher

Charlie Rhodes, Deputy Headteacher

