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Monday, 27 April 2020
Dear Parents

Welcome to another week at home, despite the weather turning a little cooler and a few wet/rainy days being predicted, I know you will be brilliant in supporting your children. Please remember the Home Learning we offer is a guide, it is intended to support what you do at home. Parents are not teachers. Homes are not schools. We know that following the Home Learning can be challenging, so please do what engages your child. **The overarching aim for Home Learning is for children to remain engaged and excited about learning.** We do not want to cause arguments at home. We want your child to retain their love of learning. As a school community we are here to help you, so please email any questions you may have.

House Team Winners. As informed in the last letter - for each piece of work shared and for each piece of online learning, (Abacus and BugClub), your child will receive a house point.

Congratulations to last week's winners –

At St Luke's
Winning Team St Teresa's

At St Alban's
Winning Team St Bernadette's

Emails from class teachers: Please do respond to their emails and send pictures of your child's achievements.

Roblox. We have been made aware that some children are using Roblox. Please read the following guidance: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/roblox-guide-parents>.

Fundamentally, children and adults can communicate with each other on Roblox. This means you can never be sure who is communicating with your child. Would you allow a stranger to engage in discussion with your child if you were out and about? Please monitor your child's conversations and apply the necessary settings. (see the guidance)

Please view the videos on <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> ThinkuKnow host a range of other resources which are well worth looking at. At the end of this letter is a range of recommended links for you try. I would also recommend looking at <https://esafetytraining.org>



Term dates: please find following the term dates for our next academic year.

<u>Autumn Term 2020</u>	<u>Spring Term 2021</u>	<u>Summer Term 2021</u>
Tuesday 1 st September – Friday 19 th December 2020, Half term: Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October 2020	Monday 4 th January 2021 – Friday 26 th March 2021 Half term: Monday 15 th February 2021 – Friday 19 th February 2021	Monday 12 th April 2021 – Friday 16 th July 2021 (Bank Holiday - Mon 3 rd May 21) Half term Monday 31 st May 2021 – Friday 4 th June 2021
School closed to children Tuesday 1 st September 2020		School closed to children Monday 12 th April 2021

Please note: we have one INSET date (a day when the school will be closed to children) to be allocated.

Jokes: I love a joke – especially in challenging and difficult times. Do you have a favourite family joke? Please send these to your child’s class teachers. Jokes about places and animas are best. We will then compile a joke book just for our schools and send them out to our community. My favourite today is **I am using this lockdown to write a book on Hurricanes - I am just on the first draft – I am already afraid it is a bit long winded.**

Food: A number of organisations are supporting children who receive Free School meals. Sainsburys have shared a shopping list aimed at children and Bite Back have also produced shopping lists and recipe ideas specifically for those who receive free school meal vouchers. Visit the website at <https://biteback2030.com/real-story/making-your-ps15-free-school-meal-voucher-go-further-home>

Recommended Resource: A free information book explaining the coronavirus to children, illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Axel Scheffler is available. This is an excellent downloadable book. <https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler>

Pope Francis Prayer for protection from Coronavirus

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

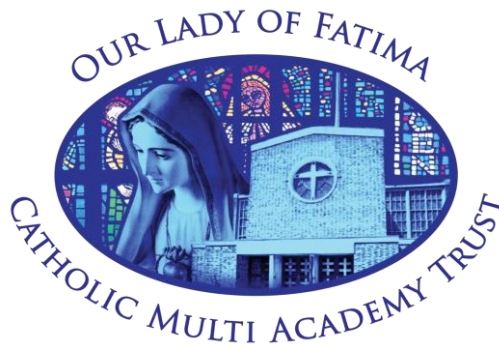
Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

Yours faithfully,

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For Children & Young

Source	For Children & Young	Online link/s
Thinkuknow	Safety advice in child-friendly way for 6-7 year olds on watching videos, sharing pictures, chatting online, sharing personal information and gaming online.	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/6-7-year-olds/
Thinkuknow	Thinkuknow has launched Band Runner , an interactive game for 8-10 year olds to help build their knowledge, confidence and skills to stay safe from risks they might encounter online.	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/8_10/
Thinkuknow	Safety advice for 11 years plus, includes details about online photo sharing, online grooming through online gaming and chat rooms.	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_13/ https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/14_plus/
Childline	Safety advice for children of all ages about online grooming.	https://www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/bullying-abuse-safety/online-mobile-safety/staying-safe-online/
UK Safer Internet Centre	Games, storybooks, films and quizzes for 3-19 years olds to help them explore ways to stay safe online.	https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/

For Parents/carers

Source	For Parents/carers	Online link/s
ESCB	Parents/carers to help them understand online safety and general exploitation	https://www.escb.co.uk/parentcarer/online-safety/
NSPCC	Explains latest games and apps used by children to parents/carers and tips on keeping children safe online.	https://www.net-aware.org.uk/?
The Breck	Self-funding charity, raising awareness of playing safe whilst using the internet.	http://www.breckfoundation.org/



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Thinkukn ow	Home activity packs for various age groups for parents/carers to carry out with their children to develop their awareness of online safety.	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/
Safer Derbyshi re	Practical advice for parents/carers about online safety, such as setting parental controls and keeping up to date with new apps.	https://saferderbyshire.gov.uk/news-and-events/news-items/staying-safe-online-during-the-covid-19-pandemic.aspx
Childnet Internati onal	Leaflet for parents/carers with checklist on ways to keep their children safe online and some suggested family ground rules for use.	https://www.childnet.com/ufiles/Supporting-Young-People-Online.pdf
Thinkukn ow	Advice for foster carers in keeping Children In Care safe online.	https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Looked-after-children-Specific-risks/