



# St. Peter's Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents,

We send out this newsletter in very unusual circumstances. It comes with the best wishes of all the staff and governors. We all hope you are keeping safe and well. It has been many weeks since school closed to the vast majority of children. School remains open to care only for the children of keyworkers. This week the children have made some lovely cards and posters for the residents of a care home. We have also had some lovely news – Mrs Dransfield's new baby grandson, Evain, has arrived safe and well.

## Psalm 23

Usually, at the beginning of a weekly newsletter, we like to attach a passage from the Bible relating to the Word which will be celebrated in church the following Sunday. However, this week I felt that the psalm shared at mass last Sunday was particularly poignant for our current situation.

The Lord is my shepherd. I have everything I need.  
He leads me beside quiet waters.  
He gives me new strength.  
He guides me on the right path.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley I will not be afraid.  
You are with me.  
Your shepherd's rod and staff comfort me.

## Health and Wellbeing

Please find attached to this electronic newsletter 3 attachments which give lots of information about services available to adults and children in Tameside who may be experiencing increased distress or anxiety at this time.

## VE Day Celebrations: Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May

Tameside Council have come up with lots of ways to mark this special anniversary, including an online dance tutorial so that we can 'Dance to Victory!' Our wonderful school dance teacher, Olivia, has been working with Tameside Council to produce this dance tutorial. Tameside have published the following link, but please bear in mind that this is a YouTube link and so children should be supervised when using it.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M915-pxK59Q>

The council also have a 'culture craft' webpage with ideas of crafts that families can do at home.

<https://www.tameside.gov.uk/culturecrafts>

## First Holy Communion

Very unfortunately, because of the unprecedented situation with Coronavirus, we need to postpone our Year 3 celebration of First Holy Communion. I have spoken with Father Philip this week to discuss this. It is not yet possible to plan a date for the future, because we are awaiting guidance from the government regarding when it will be safe to gather together as a larger group. Once we receive some guidance, we can begin to plan arrangements for the children to celebrate this sacrament. School will keep parents fully informed of any developments as soon as we are aware of them. We can only apologise for the disappointment caused by the situation in which we find ourselves.

We look forward with great hope to the time when we can welcome our children and families back to St. Peters.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Ryan

*Promoting the love of God and neighbour in a Catholic environment*

