

Cantrell Primary School Newsletter 12th June 2020



We hope you are all keeping safe and well. As things start to ease, we hope you are able to spend more time with your friends and families in safe bubbles.

A reminder to the children who are attending school at the moment: they must remember to be prepared for the weather, **sun hat, sun cream** and **appropriate clothing/footwear** are essential please, as is a refillable **water bottle**. If your child has **hay fever, medication** is also essential. Although this week wellies would have been more appropriate! Let's hope for better weather next week!

Reopening of school to more pupils

We cannot wait to have you all back! From Monday 15th June we are welcoming back some of our **Year 6** pupils. If your child has been allocated a place, you will have received a pack in the post. It is essential that the home school agreement is read thoroughly and signed by both pupils and parents. This must be returned on Monday. A text will be sent to give you a start time for Monday, as this will be staggered to ease the transition on the first day. Wait outside the main gate, 2 metres apart and Mrs. Weaver will collect you and direct you to your bubble. Remember that **school is not open to year 6 on Wednesdays**.

Year 6 pupils do not need to wear uniform if they don't have items that fit! We know you all have gotten taller and we don't want parents spending money on new uniform for the last few weeks. Please wear clothing and shoes which are appropriate. You will need to ensure clothes are washed daily as soon as the children return home to avoid any transmission. You can bring a mobile phone if you come to school on your own, or go home on your own. This will be collected by your class teacher and kept safe until the end of the day.

We **do not have a date for other year groups yet**, we will let you know as soon as we hear from the LA and council the plans for wider reopening.

Message from a member of staff

Each week a member of staff will send a message; this week's comes from Mrs Snowden:

Hello to everyone and I hope you are all keeping safe and well. I look forward to seeing you all again soon at school.

During this lock down time I have been cooking! This is something I never really found time to do. I have tried lots of new recipes and baked lots of cakes which myself and my family have had no problem eating! I hope you have also had a chance to cook/bake with your family too.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Snowden

Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you happy, healthy and holy!

As you may be aware, as part of the Government-led, national easing of lockdown measures, church buildings can re-open for individual prayer week commencing Monday 15th June.

St Mary's will be opening for individual prayer on the days and times of what would have been our usual weekly services (9.30 – 10am Thursdays, 10 – 11am Sundays) - beginning 9.30am - 10am Thursday 18th June, and 10am -11am Sunday 21st June.

This careful, controlled return to church buildings is good news. There has been a recorded rise in the number of people praying and turning to religion during the pandemic, and it is hoped that opening church buildings for individual prayer will provide places of sanctuary and reflection for people at this extraordinary time.

To protect any folk coming to church, the Churchwardens and I have been through the current Church of England and Diocesan advice and guidance re: preparing to re-open the church building for individual prayer.

If and when you might come to church to pray, please take special note of the following:

- Entry and exit is by the South Porch only (to the right of the tower as you face the building up the hill).
- Please do not enter the building if you are displaying any of the symptoms of coronavirus.
- Please use the hand sanitizer provided on entering and leaving.
- Please always maintain social distancing.
- The toilets and kitchen areas are closed to reduce the church building's cleaning regime.
- For the same reason, the Children's Corner is also closed. Families are encouraged to bring suitable books/toys etc for their children and have them with them on their pew.
- You are welcome to light candles as an aid to prayer, but please use your own lighter/matches.
- Please bring your own Bible/devotional books/items to use.
- There is no access to the church building between 10am on Thursdays and 9.15am on Sunday. Leaving the church building unoccupied for 72 hours will reduce the church building's cleaning regime.

For folk who are shielding, or who may feel uncomfortable about the idea of returning to church in June, our Licensed Lay Ministers and myself will still be recording services for each Sunday and posting them on YouTube. Any orders of service, sermons, notice sheets and magazines will be uploaded onto the church websites and social media.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or our Churchwardens.

Every blessing: stay safe, stay well.

Fr. Andrew Fisher

Vicar, St Mary the Virgin & All Souls, Bulwell