

17th April 2020

Dear Parents

I hope you are all well and adjusting to current conditions. I am sure you are discovering new and wonderful talents you did not realise you possess. The staff and I have appreciated your messages and pictures showing us the many creative and inventive ideas you have come up with. I look forward to receiving more over the next few weeks and will upload them onto our school website.

School will resume on Monday, 20th April, but ONLY for children of key workers. Thank you to those of you who have already informed me that your child will be attending. If you have not replied, please email me on head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk as soon as possible.

During this time of school closure, staff and Governors continue with their duties. We hold staff planning sessions and Governor meetings via Zoom. We are currently working new online learning resources, support on line learning.

Staff continue to keep their skills sharp by, completing directed activities related to teaching, learning and subject leadership. They engage in continuous professional development via on online learning and through webinars and are following a planned programme. I am sure the children will be delighted to hear that the teachers and leadership team are working hard just like them!

New admissions to Nursery, Reception and Year 3

Offers of places for the above year groups will be made online from the 16th April 2020. We have written to parents confirming those offers. If you applied for a place in Nursery, Reception or Year 3 please do check your emails. Letters have been sent out and additionally emailed to you.

Details of the appeal process will be published in due course.

Life is continuing to change for us all. If at any point you need help we are always here to help you. I am happy to call or email you to help, just email me on: head@st-josephs-jun.croydon.sch.uk.

Before I end my newsletter, I have to mention an amazing man who is my inspiration and has truly



captured the hearts and admiration of everyone. He is Captain Thomas Moore. Many of you will have seen him on the news completing 100 laps around his garden to raise money for the NHS. He will be 100 on the 30th April and has raised over £20,000,000. I have to end my newsletter with a tribute to him and his words of wisdom,

***'The sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away.
Tomorrow will be a better day!'***

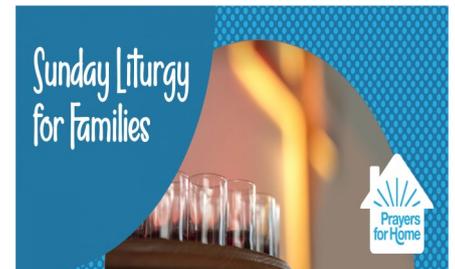
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-beds-bucks-herts-52303859>

During this time, when Churches are closed and we cannot attend Mass, there are some simple things you can do with your family at home. Please see the links below. They have ideas for daily prayers, liturgies.

Daily Prayers for Home



<https://www.tentenresources.co.uk/daily-prayers-for-home>



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15 Prayers During School Closure

PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Question time!

What do you think a ladybird's life is like?

Where has the feather come from?

How do you think ladybirds

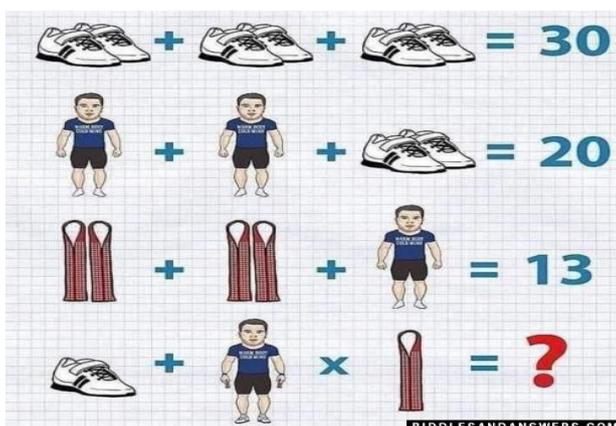
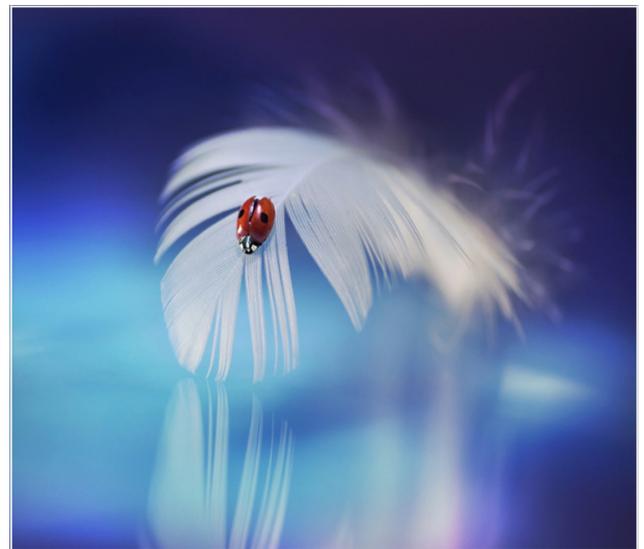
Talk to each other?

Where do you think ladybirds live?

Why do you think they are called 'ladybirds'?

Are they birds?

How does a ladybird learn to fly?



What is the missing number?

How did you work it out?