

# The Good Shepherd Catholic Primary School

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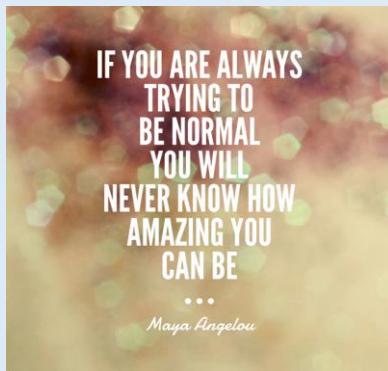
*Dear Parents & Carers,*

This week we have a video from Miss Green and Mrs O'Key...



*God bless.*

*A message from our Trust Chaplain...*



This week, more than ever, have you noticed how desperate people are to get back 'to normal'? Already, the normal at the beginning of 2020 is a distant memory and we have adapted to a new state of normal. As I write the word 'normal' (especially for the fourth time!), it occurred to me what a strange word it is?

The word 'normal' comes from a Latin word, 'normalis' meaning a carpenter's square! The meaning of the word is usual, typical or expected. The Coronavirus - and everything that came with it - was not usual or typical or expected!

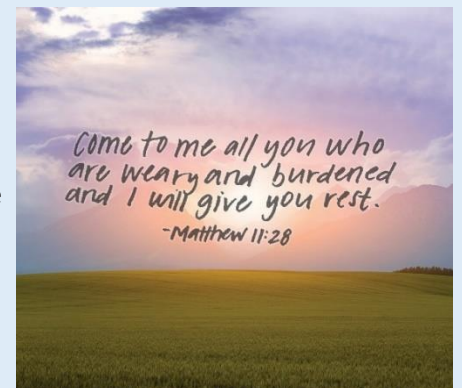
A phrase, as opposed to a word, which has become well known more recently is 'the new normal', a previously unfamiliar or atypical situation that has become usual, typical or expected. I think that we have adapted to living with a virus in our midst, keeping ourselves and our families as safe as possible. We are appreciating the things which we took for granted a few months ago and we are looking for ways to help each other in our communities.

In the desperation for things to become normal again, there are those who are beginning to break some of the lockdown rules and stretch the boundaries of safety - much to the angst of those who are not! They say that time heals, and, in this case, it may be very true. If someone breaks a leg, for example, there is a period afterwards where they will have to continue with medication and physio, which may be very mundane and repetitive in order to heal properly. Those who doggedly repeat the exercises day after day, week after week, will heal; they will not limp along with a stick and not have any problems in the future. Those impatient to get back to 'normal' and rush past the healing stage may not be so lucky.

Although we are weary with the lockdown and the separation from loved ones, if we keep going with the restricted life style; stick to the sensible rules we are given; try the new boundaries with care and work together with those around us, trying to do the right thing, then we will eventually return to 'normal', albeit a 'new normal'. As I have said before, there will be many things, which come with our 'new normal', which will only help to make our world a more amazing place.

*God Bless,*

*Mrs Darwin*



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## LOCKDOWN COMPETITION

You are all invited to participate in a writing competition titled "LOCK DOWN".

You may write a poem or a diary entry and submit it to Mrs. Jones by 20th June 2020. Remember to check your spelling and punctuation.

Good luck!!

Send your entries to

[admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk](mailto:admin@thegoodshepherd.northants.sch.uk).

## Geography in Mrs Hoover's Key Worker Bubble



10<sup>th</sup> June – Jakub D

Today – Ernestas

We wish you both a very happy birthday!!

## The Summer Reading Challenge 2020 has begun!

We know many of you take part in this every summer holiday visiting our local libraries, but this year it is online as the libraries are closed at the moment.

The theme for the challenge is 'The Silly Squad', a team of animal friends who love to go on adventures and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books.

Go to this website to join -

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

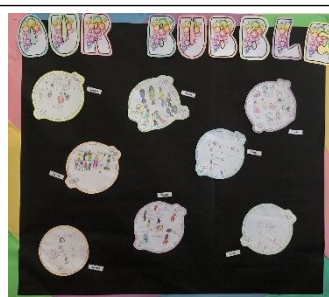
Did you know? If you are a member of the library you can read the Summer Reading Challenge books online for free or you can become a virtual member!

Challenge - how many books can you read?

## Planet Art Work

This week, Miss Smith's Key Worker children have been learning about Space.

Here we are with our planet art work!



## Year 1's Bubble Board!

Joseph in Year 4 took part in The Big Climb for the NSPCC! He climbed the equivalent of the height of Big Ben up and down the stairs with his Mummy and little brother. Well done Joseph!





