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Dear Parents

This weekend marks the start of masses to celebrate the First Holy Communion of many of our Year 3 children. The journey they have taken, alongside their families and Catechists, has been exceptional. Children have learnt about the deep relationship that they share with a truly living God. Our human need to question and learn through our mistakes is how we learn. We all resemble Thomas the apostle, who is at the centre of this week's Gospel from John. We all need reassurance that Christ is with us from time to time. I am sure that we will all join in prayer to wish all of those children making their First Holy Communion this weekend well.

Once again please see this week's Wednesday Word leaflet [here](#).

Our 'Faith in Action' team of children have come up with a novel way of raising funds for CAFOD this term by inviting us to take part in a 'Guess the Teacher' competition. To enter the competition it will be a £1 donation (or if you can and wish, you may donate more). A prize and certificate will go to the class who have the most correct guesses. More information will be given shortly. Please support this important fundraiser that will help others to know Christ's love. You may wish to also visit the news section on our website to see a short message from the Catholic Children's Society – thanking children for their Lenten fundraising last term.

The school shop, Clothesline has asked us to notify parents that they will now be open from 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and 10am to 4pm on Saturday. They continue to do Mail and Click & Collect orders. Under current regulations and in order to maintain Social Distancing guidelines, put into place by the Government, they will only be letting in 2 people at a time and the wearing of face coverings will be compulsory in the shop. Their email address is sales@firstholychommunion.co.uk if you have any questions or wish to place an order.

The final few weeks of term are almost upon us. As you will understand we need to maintain our safety protocols including the wearing of face coverings for collection and pick up and taking extra care when mixing, especially between year group bubbles. There has been a huge increase in positive cases in children of all ages in Merton schools and we have not escaped unscathed, with most children in Year 6 having to self-isolate this week. We appreciate that the messaging in local and national media may be confusing as we move towards the new date of July 19th, where certain restrictions may be lifted. However the messaging from the school is clear. Please continue to be safe so that we can all enjoy a happy and healthy summer break.

Thank you to all of our parents for all that they continue to do.

Mr J Dachtler
Headteacher

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"Love proves itself by deeds so how am I to show my love?" St Thérèse of Lisieux

