

A decorative border of yellow flowers, likely gorse, surrounds the text on a white background.

Dear Parents,

Tuesday 23rd March 2021 is the National day of Reflection. This day is the anniversary of the first lockdown back in March 2020 and is being used as a day to remember all those who have lost their lives to Covid.

As many of you may know, this is very close to my heart. I too have been affected and have been very unwell. I also lost my mum to COVID in October. As a result of this, I am doing my upmost to look after you all from home due to shielding advice.

During the day, we will be stopping and reflecting on the challenges we have faced but also focusing on love and hope for the future. We must now find time for each other, in order to help each other heal.

It is also really important that we focus on the positives and support the children in finding something to look forward to.

On this day we are asking you to join us by tying yellow ribbons to the school fence at the front of school in remembrance of those lost. We will be holding prayers and reflections during the day and are also having a moment of silence at midday. We are also inviting families to light a candle at 8pm and to display this in the window as a symbol of hope and in remembrance of loved ones lost.

Please share these with us on `Twitter` so we can reflect on these during our prayer session during the rest of the term. Below is a short prayer to share together and we hope by sharing this day of reflection, we can join together as a family.

God of Love,

As we think about all that has changed this year,
help us to trust that you are always with us.

As we remember those who have died,
help us to trust they are at peace with you.

As we reach out to others with kindness and care,
may hope shine out in every heart and home.

Amen

With Thanks
Tracy Cavanagh