



## Laudato Si' Week – 19-26th May 2024

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Dear parents / carers,

I am writing to you all in further response to Pope Francis' calling in relation to Laudato Si'. Laudato Si' is an encyclical (open letters) written by Pope Francis which was published back on the 18 June 2015.

Laudato Si' discusses the damage being inflicted on the Earth by humans. Pope Francis says we need a new definition of progress rooted in "integral ecology", recognising that "everything is connected" and hearing both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor. Pope Francis calls for all people to dialogue in society about how best to tackle the global issues we face.

It deals with many environmental issues including:

- pollution
- climate change
- water
- loss of biodiversity
- decline in the quality of human life.

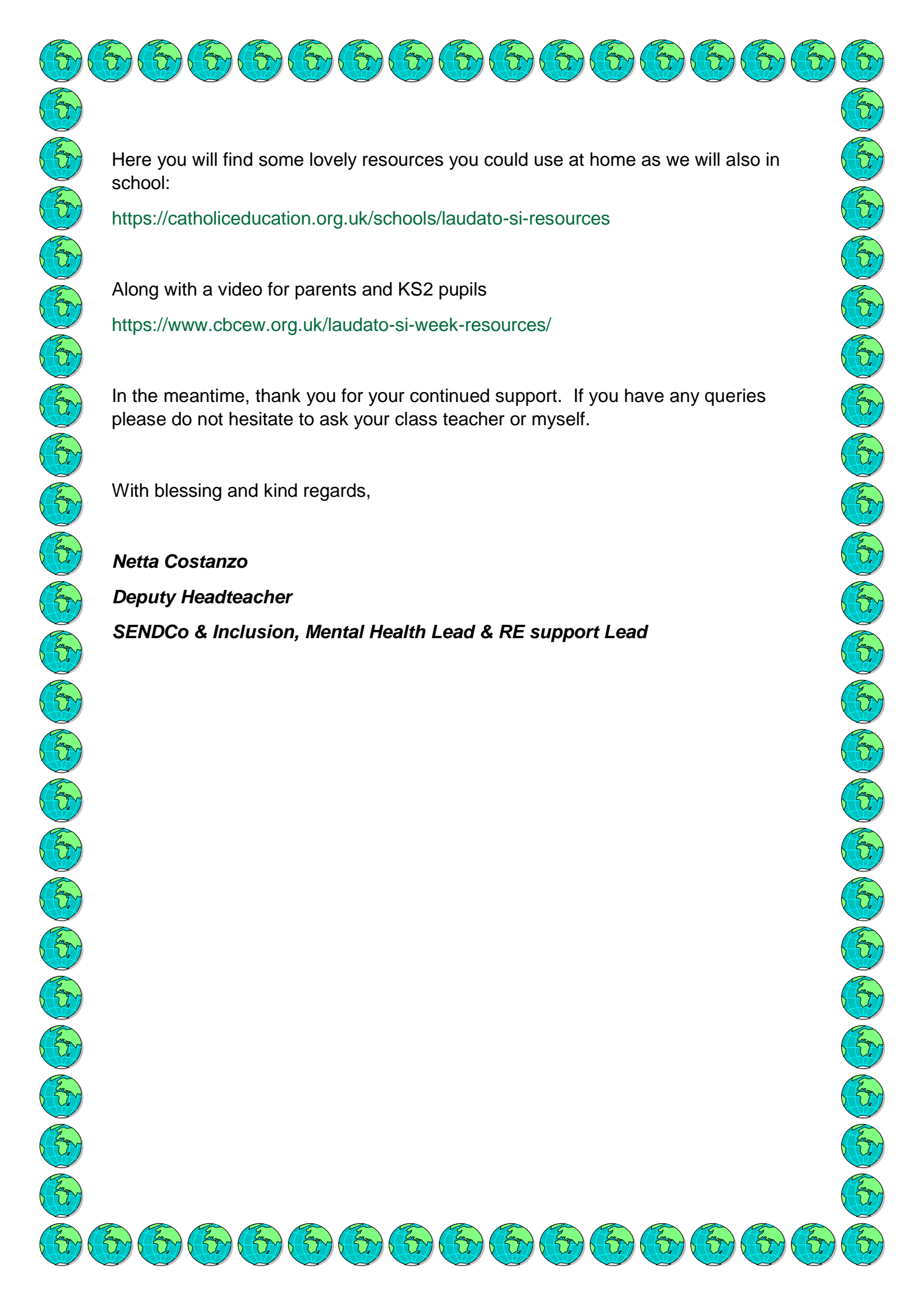
In his letter, Pope Francis implores us to work together to create a better world for future generations and asks us to make the necessary changes in our lives in order to take care of, respect and value our 'common home'.

**Laudato Si' Week will be marked on 19-26th May 2024**, emphasising, "There are no lasting changes without cultural changes ... and there are no cultural changes without personal changes" (LD, 70) Laudato Si' theme for this year is Seeds of Hope. It is a reminder about the urgency of the Laudato Si' message and the need for both personal and local transformation amidst our ecological and climate crises. The Church encourages us to gather in our school communities to contemplate and nurture seeds of hope for our "suffering planet" (LD 2).

At St Paul's Catholic Primary & Nursery School we will be reflecting upon Pope Francis' calling and carrying out some thought provoking learning activities.

For more information about how you can encourage this learning at home and how we will be in learning more about school 'Laudato Si', please visit:

<https://cafod.org.uk/education/laudato-si-for-schools>



Here you will find some lovely resources you could use at home as we will also in school:

<https://catholiceducation.org.uk/schools/laudato-si-resources>

Along with a video for parents and KS2 pupils

<https://www.cbcew.org.uk/laudato-si-week-resources/>

In the meantime, thank you for your continued support. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to ask your class teacher or myself.

With blessing and kind regards,

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