

As we reach the second week of the current lockdown, I would like to thank you all for the support you have given the school as we attempt to deal with a very different way of educating our pupils. We understand that this latest lockdown is very difficult for many families and we will aim to work with you throughout to ensure everyone stays safe and well.

Remote learning: We are now in our second week of remote learning. I am delighted that over 95% of pupils in every class are accessing work on Google classroom with over 85% joining live lessons. This is testament to the great learning attitudes of our pupils and the sheer hard work from parents and staff to get children to engage. We really appreciate your support and I know that teachers are really enjoying the 'live sessions' where they get to work with children in a more interactive way. As live sessions continue, we would ask that children are prepared for each session by being dressed appropriately and ready to learn. In addition, if parents could ensure that their device is on mute whilst the teacher is talking, that would be really helpful to avoid excess background noise. The work being produced by children is fantastic and we can really see that progress is continuing. However, we also appreciate how difficult home learning is for some families, especially where parents are having to work from home, and therefore we understand that not every child will be able to complete every piece of work or attend every live session.

Hopefully you are able to access all the work planned and delivered by your child's class teacher on Google classroom. However, as we move forward, we will look at provision for each year group and try to further improve the consistency across the school to make it easier for parents with more than one child. Once again, thank you for all your support with this aspect of our current provision. Let us hope that we will be able to re-open school fully in the near future.

Stars of the week:

Pre-school – Arianna and Eliza
Reception – Joseph and Samuel
Year 1 – Nancy and Maddie
Year 2 – Isaac and Logan
Year 3 – Carl and Eva
Year 4 – Olivia and Cain
Year 5 – Kinga and Frazer
Year 6 – Ciaran and Ashton



Congratulations to all this week's stars. We are very proud of all of you.

Children of critical workers: Children of critical workers have continued to work hard in school this week undertaking their work on Google classroom. Each child has been allocated a pair of earphones which is working well. However, if your child would prefer to bring in their own set of headphones which they find more comfortable they are more than welcome to. These will be returned home each day. Please remember that if you work shifts or have some days off in the week, you need only send your child into school when you are at work. The latest government guidance states that schools will remain open for children of critical workers and vulnerable children but that "parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can." It would be really beneficial if you could let us know any shifts as soon as possible to allow us to arrange appropriate staffing for each session.

On the days your child is at home, remote learning will still be available for them to access each day.

Pope Francis says:

"It is striking that the Lord spent most of his time on Earth living an ordinary life, without standing out. It is a beautiful message that reveals the greatness of daily life, the importance in God's eyes of every gesture and moment of life, even the most simple"



Prayer of the week:



God of mercy,
help us to listen to your voice,
a voice that speaks of peace to all people.

Let the sound resonate within us,
until a whisper becomes a shout
which cannot be ignored.

Move us with your love,
so that our actions echo your peace,
and we may bring tidings of comfort and joy
to those touched by conflict.

Fill us with your hope, O Lord, and
quiet the fear and hatred which divides us,
as we seek to build a future together,
of true and lasting peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord, Prince of
Peace,
Amen.



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