



SCHOOL NEWSLETTER NO 16

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Love, Learn, Share, Care - We are God's children doing God's work

Our Christian Value for this half term is ENDURANCE

Dear All,

We hope you are keeping well. Staff are settling into new patterns of working and trying hard to manage the huge increase in workload. Currently, we have 52% of pupils in school for either part or the whole week. This means that staff are trying to teach classes of children as well as providing remote learning. There have been occasions when the school WIFI has struggled and even given up completely with all the live streaming, virtual lessons and communications from school. Please will Critical Worker parents only send children into school when it is essential to avoid potential virus spread. Thank you for your continued vigilance, looking out for symptoms and getting family members tested to ensure spread is less likely in school. We really appreciate how careful you are being.

Well done to all parents who are working with children at home. This is incredibly challenging for you and we thank you for trying so hard and encouraging your children. We are looking forward to having all children back in school. It will be a relief for children and parents at home, children who miss each other and our overloaded staff. Our staff are certainly hanging on in there for a break and a chance to recharge their batteries at half term.

Please take care and stay well.

Mrs Cummins

Thank you for all your good wishes and cards for Mrs Cummins. She is progressing but is still feeling quite poorly. She wanted me to pass thanks on to you for all your kindness, good wishes and prayers. Thanks also to Miss Grecic for doing a great job looking after her class.

Class Dojo Communications

Staff are averaging about two and a half thousand communications sent to parents per week. It would be very helpful if you/pupils could read work that is sent out carefully to reduce some of the simpler questions that parents ask. Often the answers have been sent out with instructions or timetables so please check.

Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

Lateral Flow Testing kits are due to arrive in school next week. Staff will be trained over the next week so they can use them correctly. As soon as we are able to begin, staff will carry out Lateral Flow Tests on themselves, twice a week, at home. There are no government plans to test primary school pupils with lateral flow tests and even high school testing of students has been halted.