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Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Newsletter No 16 - 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

Welcome back to a new school term and Happy New Year!

We enter the year in a new lockdown but pray, that with the roll out of the vaccine, we can return to more normality and certainly have everyone back at school.

It has been super to see the children physically at school or virtually online. We have been very proud of how well they take on board these changes!

### National Lockdown

Like you, we found out about the closures of schools at 8 pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021. All of our planning had been to welcome back all of our children, but this announcement meant we had to do some quick work to inform you all - thank you for your understanding.

The staff have been marvellous and despite concerns about their own risk, are committed to making sure that our children and families are supported.

### Closure of school

The object of school closures is to reduce the number of contacts between families. The government has said that schools should be open to children of Key Workers and vulnerable children.

We now have a full quota of children attending, but would ask that if any Key Worker children have parents at home, that they remain home and access the online learning. This would further reduce numbers in school.

For those adults accessing the school site, we ask you to wear a face covering for the protection of you and others.

### Online Learning

The staff have been, through your eSchools account, setting, responding and marking work. Over the coming weeks, there will be more online lessons with their teachers.

We ask that you explain, along with us, to your children, that this is not an 'if you want to do it', but an **expectation** that the children do their work, contribute and attend online lessons and submit the work.

Staff will keep in regular contact with you, through phone calls, to check how things are and also to encourage those children not accessing the work.

A good tip would be to keep the structure of the school day, get them up and ready for learning just as you would if they were coming to school.

For those families who do not have devices or do not have enough devices or are struggling to access the work on a phone, then we can help with loaning you a tablet or Chromebook.

We have already had some requests and are preparing these, but requests can still be made. We want to make sure that lack of devices is not a barrier to their learning.

### Family Support

Mrs Cropper is our school Family Support Worker and works on Monday's and Thursday's. If you would like her support, then please ring the school office. She will then see if she can help you.

You can also speak to your child's teacher if you require advice or support.





### **Building Work**

During January and February, we are having the fascia boards, soffits and drain pipes replaced. This will match the new build colours and style. More security lighting is also being fitted, helping us to be more secure. Barriers around the scaffolding will mean that school continues unaffected and all are safe.

### **Online Questionnaire Winners**

The winners of the £10 Amazon Gift Cards are:

Reception - Aariz H

Year 1 - Emmanuella A

Year 2 - Summer C

Year 3 - Kelvin M

Year 4 - William D

Year 5 - Rida R

Year 6 - Ann A

These will be posted to our winning families. Enjoy spending it!

### **Values and Virtues**

The two virtues we are focusing on for this half term are **Grateful and Generous**. We will be promoting these value and virtues and awarding children whom we notice are particularly **grateful and generous**.

To be **grateful** is to be thankful for something - a gift from God, a gift from others, the blessings of each day. Even during these hard times, we still have much for which to be **grateful**.

To be **generous** is to share what we have with others.

Talk to your child about what they are **grateful** for. Do they remember to thank others? Do they remember to thank God?

Talk to your child about how they can be **generous**. How can they share what they have?

### **Prayers**

We pray for any loved ones who may be ill at this time and for all those in the NHS doing such great work.

Yours sincerely,

**R Baker and staff**

