



St Aidan's Primary School

A Church of England Academy

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Newsletter 20 – 5th February 2021

A Message from Mrs Greenwood



I hope everyone is keeping safe and well. Another week has come to an end and I am happy to say that the online learning continues to flourish. As always it has been lovely to see so many pupils online and completing their work on Google Classroom or uploading it onto Class Dojo.

As always, thank you for your support and if we can help in any way with the home learning please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thoughts from a Home Learning Pupil

A message from our Deputy Head Girl, Olivia, about online learning:

"The good thing about working at home is that you get to wake up, feel safe and still do your work. You can also ask your parents or guardians to help (sometimes they find it tricky!)"

The main differences about working from home compared to being in school is that you are not with your friends or teachers. At school you also don't have to go 'live' as you can just ask questions in your class.

The downside about working at home is that you can't ask your teacher questions when you want to because you are not actually with them to understand the work. It is hard but our teachers do not get to choose what happens. Remember teachers have to look after children at school as well as children online. This has been hard for the teachers and parents as much as us the students.

Stay safe everyone. See you soon!"



Home Learners Raffle



From Monday 8th February Mrs Greenwood and Mrs Harrison may just be knocking on YOUR door with TREATS! For every piece of work you submit online your name will be added to a raffle. The more work you submit the more chances you have to win!

The raffle will be drawn every Monday morning.

You have to be in it to win it! Good luck and we might see you soon!

Live Lessons Expectations

Please remember that the live lessons are to be treated as a normal school lesson and the same expectations are required as they are in school, **it is expected that the pupils do not eat snacks whilst live lessons are taking place.**

When the teacher is teaching a live lesson through "Meet" sent by a link on Google Classroom the expectations are as follows:

1. Children must be **appropriately dressed.**
2. Children must not be in bed.
3. All children must ALWAYS be respectful of others on the Meet and follow our ALWAYS rights.
4. Children should stay muted because of background noise until they want to speak.
5. **Adults (if needed for support in EYFS/KS1) must also be appropriately dressed.**



Lockdown



As you are aware the country is in a National Lockdown. To keep everyone safe and to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 we are open to children of key workers and vulnerable pupils only.

World Book Day Electronic Vouchers

This year World Book Day will be held on Thursday 4th March. Due to the current situation, we will **NOT** be dressing up for the day, please do not buy costumes. An email will be sent out next week with a £1 electronic voucher for you to purchase books online at participating bookshops. Vouchers are valid from 18th February 2021 to 28th March 2021.

Drop Off and Pick Up of Pupils

The gates into the school playground will be open to drop off children of key workers and vulnerable pupils from 8.40am and will be open again at 3.10pm for pupils to be collected. For your own safety and for that of the pupils and staff we are only able to allow **1 parent/carer** on the school yard to drop off children and to collect them after school. This is to prevent gatherings in the yard and to adhere to the government social distancing guidelines that have been put in place to keep you and your children safe. Your support in this matter is greatly appreciated. **Due to the current situation with Lockdown we are unable to allow parents/carers to enter the building.**

**IMPORTANT
INFORMATION**

Online Learning Timetable

We are now using Google Classroom for online learning.

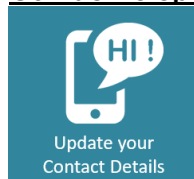
Google Classroom will be where your child's live lessons will be streamed from and where their work is uploaded to. They will be expected to log onto Google Classroom at least twice daily to access their maths and English/ phonics lesson during the times below. A task will also be set in the afternoon.

Maths			
9:00-9:30	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
9:30- 10:00	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
10:00-10:30	EYFS		
English/Phonics			
10:30- 11:00		Year 2	Year 3
11:00-11:30	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11:30-12:00	EYFS	Year 1	

Half Term

School will close for half term on Friday 12th February 2021 at 3.15pm and school will re-open for the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd February at 8.40am.

Contact Telephone Numbers



We still seem to have a number of contact details that have not been updated. Please inform the school as soon as possible so we can update your child's records – this is critical in case of emergencies. It also means you will receive important messages (e.g. learning pack collections, school information, etc.) via text message.

Congratulations!

Well done to the following children for being chosen to receive an award this week. Postcards are on the way to our stars!



	Stars of the Week	Headteacher's Award Winner Christian Values
Reception (Miss Keegan)	Skyla & Jessica	Lochlan
Year 1 (Miss Rigby)	Paige M & Sienna	Thomas
Year 2 (Miss Yates)	Cameron & Rafal	Zenon
Year 3 (Mrs Moss)	Rory & Nevaeh	Charlie Bu
Year 4 (Miss Hunt)	Thomas & Ethan	Lewis W
Year 5 (Miss Schofield)	Gracie-Mae & Macey H	Charlotte
Year 6 (Mrs Rourke)	Crystal & Caiden	Logan

Kind regards,

Mrs K Harrison
Deputy Headteacher