



# St. Andrew's C.E. Primary School Newsletter

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Staff have been really lifted by your feedback to school and in some cases to Ofsted's Parent View. Thank you for taking the time to support school. I feel we are so lucky to have such a brilliant, caring team working hard with parents to achieve the best outcomes for the children during these difficult times. The children have been incredible in their approach to home learning.

As we are unable to send reading books home to every child for both practical and health and safety reasons, I am delighted to inform you we have purchased the online version of the reading scheme we use in school. Teachers



will be allocating the children books over the week to ensure children have access to a good range of books as well as the books they are choosing to read at home.

This week we should receive our batch of lateral flow Covid test kits.

Unlike testing in Secondary schools, Primary school tests are just for staff working in the building and are to be done at home. These tests are for identifying adults who are asymptomatic.

Staff who wish to do so will be testing themselves twice a week and they will have the result within 30mins. I need to make you aware that the bubble may be closed due to a staff member being asymptomatic with COVID-19. Unfortunately, we will not be able to give you warning of a bubble closure until we are notified of a positive test. If a bubble must close, I will send out a parent mail ideally the night before the closure. The bubble will be closed initially for two days until a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) test is done, if this is negative the children will return to school but if it is positive the bubble remains closed for 10 days. I will only be able to let you know once the staff member has had the results of a second COVID-19 test. The good news (yes there is some) is this should not impact home learning.

We have been able to move the work on the EYFS toilets forward whilst there are fewer children in school. As work has already started on this, we hope they will be completed for when the children return to school.

Last week I gave you some thoughts to help manage home learning. Parents have been very creative. One idea I heard this week was if you see something on the home learning grid which can be taught online by a grandparent, aunt or cousin you may want to ask them to work with your child. The parent who shared this said it was something both the grandparent and child really enjoyed on a weekly basis. Home learning grids will be available from 12pm each Friday to help you plan for the following week.

This week we will have the Powell family in our thoughts and prayers after Saturday's funeral.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Annette Mashru – Headteacher