



**St Bartholomew's C of E Primary School**

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## 1.22<sup>nd</sup> January – Home Learners

### Well done

Firstly, I would like to say a big well done to all the children who are working so hard at home. The staff have said how many of our children are engaging on line or have work packs. Also thank you to all parents who are helping their children at home. If we can help with this please ask school.

### Reporting Positive Results

Can I remind you that if your child tests positive for Covid whilst at home we still need to know. We have to submit data to the local authority. It does not include any names or personal details. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

### School Places

I am aware that there are some parents struggling with childcare, home learning who would like a place at school. Some of you are critical workers but we are having to apply the guidance that if they can be cared for at home they should. Please contact school if you wish to discuss this and we may be able to put you on a waiting list.

I understand how hard this is for everyone but we are trying to ensure we keep everyone as safe as possible whilst supporting as many parents and children as we can.

### Worship

We are going to start recording our worship with Father Michael so those at home can watch it. Please watch out for this online over the next few weeks.

### Hampers

Throughout lockdown and during the half term we will be providing those entitled to benefits free school meals with a hamper. During term time, they will be available for pick up on a Monday after 12pm. We apologise for this week, there were issues with delivery due to the amount of deliveries they had to make to schools following the severe weather on Friday when most schools were closed. We will let you know when the half term ones are going to be available.

Some parents have asked about vouchers, this is not something we are providing as we have been instructed where possible to use the Leeds catering hamper scheme. We have also had many calls from parents who have complimented the hampers, I know not all children like everything but we feel these provide a good amount of food per child for five lunches. We are beginning to subsidise these with additional items to provide other options and support.

### Weekly Contact

Someone from school will contact you at least once a week to check how your child is doing with home learning and answer any questions. If you need any other support, please call school and someone will return your call as soon as they can.

**NURSERY – we are still open as normal for children to attend their usual sessions. We would like to see all nursery children in school as it is the best place for them to learn. Thank you**

