

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November

Dear Parents/Carers

It is with a very heavy heart that I share the news one of our parents has passed away. Emma, the mother of Lily in Year 3M, died suddenly on Wednesday. Lily was in school today where we surrounded her with love and support and I ask for your prayers and support for Lily, her dad Patrick and all the family.

### **COVID-19**

On Tuesday we had all the classes in school but unfortunately our joy was premature. That evening we were notified of another positive case and as a result Year 1G was sent home until December 8<sup>th</sup>. In addition, we have a number of staff absent due to family cases but with your support and understanding we soldier on. As a parent I share your frustrations, two of my children have been sent home three times, but we follow the advice from Public Health exactly. We remain confident in our risk assessments as the cases are unrelated and I thank you all again for your support by following our procedures and guidelines.

### **Fundraising**

Yesterday the Mad Dog Homeless Street Project collected a mountain of socks and underwear that you all very generously collected; your donations were very gratefully received. In addition thank you for supporting our orange event last week for Jude and special thanks to R.G. Handyman and Maintenance Services for an extra donation of £220 for the Bone Cancer Research Trust.

Due to the current financial situation and a lack of time we have decided to postpone the virtual balloon race planned before Christmas. Apologies.

Thank you as ever for all your support and cooperation in all we do for all the children.

Yours sincerely

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