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St Bert's News

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Current Situation

Welcome to week 6!

Fingers crossed that this week we all continue to stay safe and well.

A big thank you for the kind gestures which many parents have made in recognition of the hard work our teachers have put in this half term; your letters, emails, treats and flowers have all been very much appreciated.

As we have said before it has been a steep learning curve for us all, however much has been achieved both by parents and teachers alike. Hopefully the new skills we have developed will stand us in good stead for the future as we continue to develop our learning platform.

Well done to everyone including the children!

COVID Figures Week 6

The figures below reflect our current Covid situation.

Obviously the figures pertain to the date and time of publishing this newsletter.

0 children have had a positive test result since Christmas.

0 children are awaiting test results

0 child currently isolating (external contact)

0 staff members have had a positive test result since Christmas

0 staff are awaiting test results.

1 member of staff is shielding.

Testing positive

If by any chance a child who has attended school this week tests positive over the weekend (13th/14th February) we need to be made aware. Please contact Gill on

gill.read@stbertelines.co.uk and give her the details. This will enable us to trace any contacts. Thank you!

Home School Agreement re Covid

We would like to remind parents whose children are in school to take a look at the Home School Agreement regarding Covid and ask everybody in our school community to follow the rules laid down. Together, by playing our part we can do our best to ensure that everybody stays safe.

In addition to the agreement, all children in school should be following our 'Rules of Engagement' (see the school website). The rules quite clearly state that if you are taking up a space in school you should not be exposing children or staff to unnecessary risk. This means you should not be allowing anybody into your home, nor should you be visiting another person's home. Obviously there are exceptions to this rule which are quite clearly stated by the Government.

Please be reminded that your child's place in school could be withdrawn if we become aware of any breach of these rules.

Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day takes place tomorrow Tuesday 9th February.



This year's theme is: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world.

The day will look at the on-line world and how misleading it can be to innocent young children. The idea is to encourage children to repeatedly question what they are seeing. It also highlights the skills needed to support one another so that we can benefit from the many positive aspects of the on-line world.

5 Ways to well-being

As we approach the half term holiday and many of us are suffering from 'Coronavirusitus' we thought it would be a timely idea to remind ourselves of the 5 ways to help our well-being.

- **Connect** (we are all social creatures and we all need to interact with each other - use this holiday to make connections with those you love, with your neighbours and those you haven't see for a long time)
- **Be Active** (raising your activity level promotes the production of feel good hormones - get those chemicals racing

round your body by going on a brisk walk or a cycle ride)

- **Keep Learning** (learning something new builds your confidence and raises your self-esteem - have a go at something you haven't tried before - bake a cake, learn a craft, find out about where you would like to go for your next holiday!)
- **Help Others** (a small act of kindness benefits the giver and the receiver - what could you do this week to cheer someone up or help them out?)
- **Take Notice** (usually we are so busy planning the next thing we fail to savour the moment we are in. Covid gives us a good excuse to stop to look, to listen and to take extra time to spot the wonderful changes in nature which are happening in God's world)

February Half Term

Please be advised that school will be **CLOSED** for one week during half term. We will break up this Friday 12th February 2021 and return on Monday 22nd February 2021.

During the half term week, we will be carrying out essential project work in order to update our school WiFi system. This will facilitate the extra demands being made upon it as a result of home learning. A team of contractors will be working throughout the building and hopefully we will benefit from their hard work in the months to

come. Fingers crossed all goes to plan!

Lent



During the half term holiday many of you will be making pancakes. If you get chance, find out the answers to these questions. Why do Christians celebrate Pancake Day? What is Ash Wednesday all about? What does Lent mean?

Unfortunately, you won't get chance to sample Mrs Barron's pancakes this year but hopefully yours will be equally delicious! Have fun and enjoy!

Read with me



Literacy Counts is holding a free parent & carers Webinar this Thursday 11th February 2021.

The session is probably most suited to our Reception, KS1 and our lower KS2 parents. The session aims to help parents and carers

- develop a love of reading with your child
- listen and respond to your child as a reader
- support positive interactions around books
- encourage conversations about books.

This free webinar includes practical 'take away' activities and solutions for reading.

3pm-4pm

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BBC Bitesize

Each week we will email you the CBBC Bitesize timetable. BBC Bitesize is available on-line, on IPlayer and now on TV as well. If you are working at home I would imagine this to be very useful! Sometimes the teacher will recommend a Bitesize programme which will fit in particularly well with your child's learning otherwise these are really good lessons which are appealing and designed for specific age ranges.

Oak Academy

Oak Academy have produced 100's of lessons which can be easily accessed on the internet. Please visit <https://www.thenational.academy> and choose your child's year group for appropriate lessons in the various subjects.

These lessons are in addition to the home learning being offered by your child's teacher.

Quote of the Week

New Dawn, New Hope

Hope forever tells us that Tomorrow will be better.

Lamentations 3:22-23

Sir Captain Tom Moore was irrefutably one of the most hopeful and positive people we have encountered during this

pandemic. In honour of him we need to fill our hearts with hope and have faith; thus trusting that God will answer our prayers.

Prayers

This week we especially pray for all families who are suffering loss and bereavement as a result of the pandemic including the family of Sir Captain Tom Moore.

God Bless us all!