

St Albert's Catholic Primary School

Weekly Newsletter Friday, 26 February 2021

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Welcome back to Remote School

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to 'remote' schooling. I hope that you all had

a good half term and managed to relax and switch off for home learning. I imagine this was needed by many of you. We do not have long to go now as school will be open on the 8th March and we are eagerly awaiting the children's return as we have really missed them and are keen to get things rolling again.

Lockdown

I imagine that a big cheer went up following Boris' announcement and I hope that you all received my letter/email that was sent out on Monday. The following is just a recap of some of the highlights in the letter.

Our plans, at present, are as follows:

23rd Feb- 8th March - Remote learning from home to continue.

Key worker and vulnerable children, who already have an allocated school place, will continue as per the current arrangements. Unfortunately, school is full so there will be little movement in the numbers that we can accommodate in relation to our risk assessment.

8th March - Open to all children

A new risk assessment is currently being worked upon but for the majority of approaches, it will look very similar to how

they were when we returned in September and finished in December.



Staggered times - These will be in place, as per Sept to Dec, and children will enter and exit from their assigned gates at the assigned times. A reminder will be sent home.

Lunch times - These will continue to be staggered.

Parents on premises - At present, no parents will be allowed on the premises. This will be reviewed regularly.

Social Distancing - Parents will be asked to socially distance and wear masks when dropping off, picking up and around the school gates.

Within school, movement will be kept to a minimum and children and staff will not move from bubble to bubble as far as possible.

Isolating - Parents are asked to continue to be vigilant in relation to symptoms and isolating when necessary both for children and family members. This is particularly important if school is to remain a safe environment. If children/staff are in school whilst infected bubbles will be closed and the class will isolate for 10 days.

Testing - Staff are currently testing themselves, at home, twice weekly and this will continue.

Staffing - Please note that, with regards to staffing, we will still have some staff who are shielding and we are in the process of making necessary arrangements for those affected.

Miss Barker is one of these staff so a new teacher, Miss Devlin will be joining us in Year 2 until at least 31st March and will work closely with Miss Barker.

School Uniform - Children will wear school uniform to return

Breakfast Club - this will open as of 8th March. Children will need to have informed school the day before if they wish to attend.

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PE

We are eager to get the children back to PE and physical exercise so PE will begin from 8th March. Teachers will inform children of the days for their classes as this may have changed.

Please contact school if you have any concerns and we will be continuing to call you throughout the next two weeks.

Mrs Riddick

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Riddick gave birth to a baby son Benjamin Riddick during the holidays. Mother and baby are both well and happy at home. We send our love and best wishes on behalf of everyone at St Albert's to the Riddick Family,



IT

IT will continue to play a big part in our provision moving forwards so please continue to support your child with this. We will be reviewing our approaches and additional remote learning for homework may play a part in our catch up plans. It therefore remains important that you and your child keep up to date with the Seesaw platforms.



Science Week

Science week has been incredibly successful. It has been wonderful to see what the children, both at home and in school, have managed to achieve. We saw many different types of enquiry and it looked like lots of fun was had by everyone who took part.

Lent

During Half term Lent began on Ash Wednesday. Miss Barker led an assembly today on lent and when the children return, we will begin our Easter preparations.

World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is 'World Book Day,' which we will be celebrating as a school. However, our book theme will run throughout the week, as it is also Design Technology Week, which is linked to traditional stories.

We will be posting daily activities on Seesaw, Tapestry, and our school website, so please keep a look out for these. It is incredibly important for us to celebrate events like WBD as a school - whether we are learning from home or in school and for our children to feel the sense of belonging that they have as part of a school community.

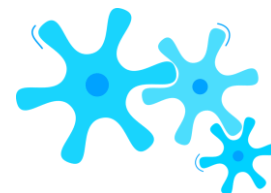
We look forward to celebrating World Book Day 2021 with you. We are sure that the magic of books will put a smile on every child's face - something we can all appreciate at such a difficult time.

Reading Books

Please encourage your child to take full advantage of the e-Reading platform. All children are aware of this and links are on platforms and our website. Reading is one of the areas which are not on hold, indeed children could be taking full advantage of the opportunity to read more than they would ordinarily have done.

DT Week

Next week, as part of the last week of remote learning we will be having a DT week and this has been organised by Miss Newton. Teachers will be posting Design and Technology activities for the children to do at home and these are all linked to Stories and World Book Day. All the activities are easily done at home and with the whole family. We look forward to seeing the children's work and hope that they enjoy the activities.



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