



St Lawrence C of E (Aided) Junior School

5th February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we come to the end of another lockdown week, we have completed our 'non-screen' day today. The subtle irony of trying to get children to spend less time on their screens, when we are in the middle of remote learning, where children need to log into screens each day is not lost on us! As you may be aware, next Tuesday is Safer Internet Day and there will be activities planned for the afternoon (more information to follow on Monday).

I do have to mention how disappointed I was to learn, recently, that there had been a New Year's Eve party held by and attended by some of our parents which, we understand, resulted in some positive cases of COVID. It is a great shame that some people can follow the guidance to the letter but can still be put in danger by others who flout the rules. As a school community, we have been incredibly fortunate with our cases so far, in comparison to other schools both locally and nationally. Additionally, when I hear of the difficulties that many of our parents are facing during this lockdown, with working from home, lack of good equipment, home schooling etc, it would be a shame if, due to these irresponsible few, that lockdown would have to continue further into the next half term. We are all responsible for our own actions and I hope we continue to make the right choices.

I must make a mention about Captain Sir Tom who sadly passed away this week. A true inspiration to all through fighting for his country and later raising so much for the NHS. The resilience shown throughout his life is a lesson for us all and we flew our flag at half mast this week out of respect.

We will be continuing with remote learning next week and, until we hear any different, for at least two weeks after half term. For all those Critical Worker/Vulnerable children who have been coming into school and receiving a lunch, you will need to provide your own packed lunch for **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd February**. The school kitchen does not receive their food supplies until Wednesday 24th February. For children coming to school, please remember to come in on time. From next week we will not be allowing late comers to enter the building alone. Parents will need to wait with children until an adult from their bubble is free to come and escort them to their class. We do not want children wandering around the school where they might come into contact with other bubbles. One other request from teachers is to please let your children complete the work themselves rather than over helping them. If they receive too much support now it will make the readjustment back to school that much harder.

Well another fun packed weekend awaits! Trying to find things to do and keep busy. I am helping out more at home with household chores. My wife says I'm like a new man (which, I suspect she has been looking at on Amazon for some time!). Even my dog Bernard has been gently reminding me that it is only one walk a day! I am sure I will be able to fill the weekend days. I think I have some drying paint somewhere that requires a firm stare!

With best wishes,

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