



# St. Margaret's CE Primary School

Weekly Update 15th January 2021



Dear Parents,

Thank you to all of you for your support and consideration in helping us to reduce the numbers of children within school to a much safer ratio. This has been a truly heroic response from every member of our school community and I am sincerely grateful. I do understand that these measures will be causing great inconvenience to many and I am genuinely sorry about that. However, this is the only way to make our school as safe as we can for staff, children and all of our families and to support our critical front-line workers in their efforts to save lives. We continue to hope and pray for an end to this dreadful pandemic.

There has been an overwhelmingly positive response to the on-line provision that the staff are delivering. I do understand, however, that home learning is causing an issue for some. We are awaiting extra electronic devices from the DFE and will be in touch with those families who have requested support as soon as they arrive. We do have access to some SIM cards if there are any families struggling with data allocations. Please contact the office if you require help in this regard. If you need extra support with any aspects of home learning, please contact your class teacher via DoJo or email the office.

Teachers do appreciate that in some exceptional circumstances not all children can upload their school work in accordance with the times set in our Remote Learning Policy. In these cases, just hand in work as soon as you can. If working on Classkick, your child needs to click on the green hand once they've completed their assignment. This will alert the teacher that it is there. It will be looked at as soon as the teacher is able (bearing in mind that they are also teaching in school). Classkick have an online support team for parents. I have attached the letter from them, which explains how to access this service. Please try and encourage your child to join at least one of the live daily sessions arranged by your child's class teacher through Google Meet.

We are doing all we can to maintain a continued sense of belonging for our home learners. To complement our remote provision, we have bought into ISINGPOP, a recorded weekly worship, which will be shared with children both in school and at home each Monday. Mrs Curry is setting up weekly debating questions to encourage collaboration for children in Years 1-6, all be it remotely! You will also receive a weekly call to check in on how your child is getting on. Your child's teachers are contactable via Google Classrooms or DoJo. If you wish to contact myself, please do so via the office as I do not access Class DoJo on a regular basis.

Please ensure that you text me on the following number if your child tests positive for Covid-19 over the weekend:  
**07425620906.**

Please follow this link to identify the main symptoms of the virus:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>

If anyone in your family presents with any of the following symptoms, please go for a test:

I will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers over the weekend. I hope that our Reception children will remain happy and healthy during their 10 day period of isolation and I look forward to seeing them all again on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

Stay safe and well,

With best wishes,

Mrs Tait



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## Important message re a circulating scam:

A fake NHS text has recently been circulating advising people that they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. It states that you have been identified as being eligible to apply for the vaccine and includes a link to follow for more information and to apply. The website that this link leads to is a fake NHS website that looks extremely convincing. It asks for personal details as well as bank details to 'check your identity'.

**The NHS will never ask you to provide these details.**

Currently, the Covid vaccine is being offered to those most at risk from coronavirus. More information on how you will be contacted can be found at: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/coronavirus-vaccination/>

## Best wishes to the following pupils who are celebrating a birthday this week or have celebrated a birthday last week:

Joy H. Maya LS.. Livvy T.

Ame J. Mia G. Maja K.

Carys M. Colbie B. Ella S.

Orion P. Maisy C. Leo P. Jude R.



## Friends of St. Margaret's News

There will be a Friend's meeting on Monday 18th January at 8pm via Zoom. Miss Lee will forward the Zoom link to all parents via Op-eroo. This meeting is open to all parents.



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