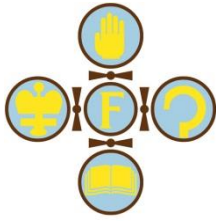


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Newsletter Friday 29th of January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Mr Bourke has asked us to pass on his appreciation for all your support and prayers following the recent passing of his mother. We kindly ask you to keep our whole school community in your prayers as many of our staff and families have been affected by bereavements over the last few months.

It is in these adverse times that we turn to our faith and ask for God's strength in facing the challenges each day brings.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord; And let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Holiday Dates

Friday 5th, Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th (in-service)

School will be closed to all children on the above dates. No remote learning will take place on these days as they are official holidays. We hope that you are able to spend some relaxing time with your family.

Remote learning

We are very pleased with the continuous high level of engagement from our children. The teachers are grateful for the kind and supportive messages that they have received from our parents. Please remember that when your child is at school they don't have one to one adult support throughout the school day and therefore you should continue to encourage them to work as independently as possible at home.

Friday 'Golden Time'

Following feedback from parents and staff the children will now be advised to enjoy 'Golden Time' from 11.30am on a Friday. During this time you may wish to encourage your child to have some time away from screens and to enjoy a book, play with toys, do arts and crafts or get out in the fresh air. As we are encouraging the teachers also to have no screen time they will use this time to plan and prepare allowing them to continue to provide high quality remote learning.

MS Teams Assemblies/Drop-ins

We and the teachers have very much enjoyed our MS Teams assemblies and pastoral drop-ins. It has been lovely to see everyone face to face and have some interaction. We have had over 350 children able to join different MS Teams sessions throughout the week which has been a wonderful level of engagement. For those families still struggling to access MS Teams there is an excellent instruction video on our school twitter page.

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Please continue to get in touch with either of us or Mrs Gibb [here](#) via the form system rather than through the Headteacher school mail for the time being. The form is also available on the school website.

Thank you for all your support in these very difficult times.

Mrs Hamilton and Mrs Henderson,

Depute Headteachers.

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