



Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

A quick update from me this week as we finish the fourth week of this term.

Can I begin by thanking you for the kind messages that you email in to staff and the office. These are testing times for everyone and a little kindness goes a long way. I am sure you will not mind me thanking the exceptional staff who are trying so hard to complete remote learning whilst teaching children in school. Trying to do one of these tasks is difficult enough so completing both is almost miraculous. What Team Paulinus has achieved in such a short amount of time should be applauded.

Thank you for all your support with the remote learning. We continue to have excellent engagement rates and are very keen that this hard work continues. Look out on Monday for news of next week's exciting treat. I am aware that different schools are offering varying experiences. Our offer means that children at home are getting the same activities as those at school through the use of Google Classroom. **Next week Fr Phil will be celebrating a Collective Worship on Tuesday afternoon at 1pm with Years 1,2 &3.**

As you may know we have had another positive case for COVID-19 in our Year 2 class. The good news is that the child is feeling ok and symptoms have not got any worse. Fortunately, we have been able to keep this Y2 class bubble open to those children who are not isolating. It is a timely reminder that we are still in the midst of a global pandemic and most of our decisions are based with Public Health of children and staff in mind. A cover teacher will be looking after the 4 children in class on Monday and Miss Mallam will be hosting a live lesson at 10am. As she is isolating at home she will not be completing the afternoon session. On Tuesday Mrs Spark has very kindly offered to come in which I am eternally grateful for.

I have also been busy planning for more children to return to Nursery safely from Monday. I thank the staff for their hard work with this matter and for the patience of Nursery parents as we make sure it is as safe a working classroom as possible. **From Monday can Reception be dropped off at the hall door in the morning.** This means that only Nursery will access the side and back of the school. This is to help with social distancing measures on our smaller thinner paths.

We do not know when school will fully open again. Like I have said before we do not have a hotline to the Government Education Department. We find out at the same time as you. We know you may be anxious about the amount of time this lockdown is lasting for. Try not to worry and if the remote learning is another plate to spin focus on what really matters, your child.

Finally, why not take part in the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch event this weekend. There is a quiz at 7pm this evening on their Facebook page and a great opportunity to be inspired by nature.

Thank you for everything that you are doing.
Warmest wishes

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Working together to be the best we can

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