

BATH & WELLS
Multi Academy Trust

'That they may have life, life in all its fullness' John 10:10

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Dear Parents and Carers

Another update for you... there's always so much to think about at the moment! If I need to update you again this week, then I will get a text sent to prompt you to look at your emails.

I was thinking today – thank goodness for modern technology. Imagine if we didn't have the ability to communicate in this way!

I ask you to please read through the whole document each time as there maybe changes to the 'regular' items as well as new information.

We are looking forward to the live sessions this week - we hope they work! The Trust IT team have been working to change settings to ensure that we can make them run smoothly and safely - fingers crossed! Some of the children will have been to one this morning before you get this update, so I hope it went well. These meetings will replace the phones calls that were made last week but, of course, if you or your child have any concerns then do get in touch.

I will be keeping in touch too with a regular video message or story for the children on Teams and Tapestry. Technology permitting, my first one will be shared with them this week, so keep an eye out. My stories or messages will appear on a channel called 'Recordings' on the Team pages. It will also be uploaded to Tapestry. We will send a text to say that it should be there.

Thank you so much.

Birthdays this term so far: *David, Archie, Riley, Max, Kyle, Tomo, Ryan, Ted & Lara*



Communication

- For issues other than home learning or if the email is personally confidential or a safeguarding concern, then please use the office email as usual.
- In these anxious times, I will be checking the office emails myself once each day at the weekend for any urgent safeguarding issues or if symptoms of a positive case of COVID-19 is reported amongst the in - school community. Non - urgent emails will be picked up on Monday morning as usual.

Home Learning Update

- We are seeing a good response on Teams, which is great. If you are experiencing any technical issues, then please contact us and we will try and help you.
- Our updated Remote Learning Strategy will be on the school website by 25 January (the date set by the Government) in our COVID information section. This will reflect any changes we have made since the Autumn Term and in the two weeks since we have been back in school. All schools will have a different strategy reflecting Government guidance. Our plan will be put before the Governing Body to approve before 25 January.
- As instructed in the Government guidance, we do have to monitor engagement with remote learning. We will be sensitively contacting you if there has been no apparent home learning done as yet, not in a negative way or to pressurise any parent but to support and to offer help if necessary. Please contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties. We know how daunting this can seem, especially if parents are trying to juggle working at home and helping with home learning. Please get in touch with us if you need support.

Keeping Safe on Teams.

- Please do supervise your child on TEAMS where possible, and definitely in any live session.
- Teams' activity is monitored daily by members of SLT.
- If you need to speak to a teacher about any aspects of remote learning, then I ask you kindly please use the home learning email: home.learning@kcs.bwmat.org *FAO class teacher* rather than the online chat or the office email please.
- The online chat is a platform that can be seen by all the children and should only be used by the children for greetings/children to talk to the teacher or to each other about specific learning tasks or to ask for support/feedback/guidance. (For younger pupils, parents may of course need to type their comments for them)
- Children and parents should not upload any documents/resources/advice/issues to the online chat. If this happens, we will delete them as you will appreciate that it is the teachers' role to do this.
- If we deem any use of the chat by parents or children as inappropriate or unsuitable, then those messages will be removed as soon as is possible, as they are on view to the whole class and we reserve the right to withdraw the chat function for your child if we have further concerns.
- Staff will respond to the children as quickly as they can on the Teams chat. Bear with them as they need breaks, of course, and they are also on rota in school with our 3 key worker bubbles.
- Parents have been sent guidelines and a permission slip for pupils to attend any live sessions. These must be returned to school before we can admit pupils to live sessions.

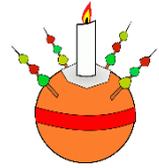
Pupils in school - minimising close contacts

To minimise the number of people in school each day, I again kindly ask Critical Worker parents to use the school facility only if they need to, as we want to minimise the number of people on site each day if we can. The most recent Government update reiterated the following:

'Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.'

Thank you for your co - operation in all of this. If I have any new information before Friday, I will send another Update, if not I will be in touch next week.

Some Thoughts for this week.



We would have been holding class Christingle services this week to help support the Children's Society and for the children to enjoy the experience (albeit in a modified way!). We are sad not to be able to do this. I thought I would tell you what we WOULD have done!

This year, with all the anxiety and stress in the world, we were going to focus on the candle as a symbol of Christ being the 'Light of the World' and us being like that light, to shine out with love in our school community and beyond. We were going to use two Bible passages from Matthew 5:15 and from 1 Corinthians.



LOVE
IS PATIENT & KIND
DOES NOT ^{ENVY} BOAST
IT IS NOT PROUD
IT DOES NOT DISHONOR OTHERS
IT IS SELF-SEEKING
NOT EASILY ANGERED
KEEPS NO RECORD OF WRONGS
LOVE DOES NOT DELIGHT IN EVIL
BUT REJOICES WITH THE TRUTH
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8
LOVE ALWAYS **PROTECTS**
TRUSTS **HOPES**
PERSEVERES
NEVER FAILS

The best way to be a 'light in the world' is to simply show love and the biggest responsibility we have is to love each other.

We were then going to look at how we could be a 'light', a positive presence, in the way we act and in what we say in our school and our community and indeed the world!

Kind Regards

Stay safe and God Bless

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Quotes for the week...



Carefully watch your thoughts, for they become your words. Manage and watch your words, for they will become your actions. Consider and judge your actions, for they have become your habits. Acknowledge and watch your habits, for they shall become your values. Understand and embrace your values, for they become your destiny.

Mahatma Gandhi