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"Called to love as God loves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to a new and very different term. We never imagined a start like this when we finished in December!

The government closed schools at very short notice but fortunately, as we were on holiday, the Senior Leadership team were able to meet to review and strengthen our Remote Learning Offer in preparation for the start of the new term.



Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for your Herculean effort in managing the remote learning this week. It is a new way of working for all of us and I salute you for doing your very best to support your children. The staff have been working incredibly hard to iron out any issues and have produced "How to..." videos to further support you with this. (see links at the bottom of the page)

In recognition of the hard work completed at home we are introducing Remote Learner of the Week awards. Congratulations to all those children who have been recognised by their class teachers this week.



We have received some positive feedback from parents, particularly regarding the daily Google Meet. This is a lovely opportunity for the children to meet up and talk to each other and their teacher. It also provides the children with the chance to discuss their work and the class teacher the chance to feedback or provide further support. Please encourage your child to attend these hugely important sessions and remind them that the same expectation of behaviour is expected as would be in the classroom.



Finally, I would like to remind key workers that the guidance from the Department for Education states that children should stay at home wherever possible. In the previous lockdown approximately 20 children attended school. This time 140 children are currently attending thus creating bubbles of upto 20 children. This in turn increases the chance of bubble closure which can lead to school being unable to offer places to front line workers. We will be reviewing our critical worker list again this week in order to keep school numbers as originally intended to a minimum. In this way we can keep our children, staff and community safe by minimising the risk of spreading the virus; supporting the lockdown so that life can begin to return to normal and ALL children can return to school as quickly as possible.

Please only take up a school place if absolutely necessary.

Thank you as always for continued support.

Ms Garvey

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How to' Video links

How to upload maths from a laptop

<https://www.loom.com/share/0eaea5aa089e4a23ba00272073a5a270>

How to submit a quiz

<https://www.loom.com/share/d763d4b97dfd4360a7bf831b38159309>

How to join a Google Meet

<https://www.loom.com/share/f37e1e3a6457447d9832b941e578cfa6>

How to complete your Reading Comprehension

<https://www.loom.com/share/e29d49a855c643d893fb2a3530e0b3c0>

