

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**15/01/2021**

## **Dear Parents,**

We have now been in lockdown for 2 weeks though I'm sure for some of you it seems much longer!

School is a very different place particularly this week with 2 groups at home after positive cases. We will welcome those children back on Monday after their self-isolation.

Currently all the class teachers are at home and those children are being taught by other teachers and the support staff. I am enormously grateful to the staff attending school for putting themselves at risk every day. We are currently not expecting any more children but if your work circumstances change and you feel you are entitled to a place please contact the school office. There is an office staff member in school every day to take messages and queries.

The overriding message is your children and the rest of your family are safest if your children remain at home.

**Zoom Welcomes** in Year 3 this morning.

Excellent manners and behaviour from all the children and so nice to see them.



## **Class Dojo:**

I have been amazed and in awe of the work of the children and teachers (and parents).

This week we have started live check-ins and some teachers will be moving towards live lessons. I have really enjoyed joining some of the sessions but as I wrote in the week, live lessons are not the only way that children learn. Some of the best learning can be done through the many pre-recorded lessons that the teachers are sharing. We will continue to develop our remote learning offer over the coming weeks and Mrs Byrne, Ms Wells and I will continue to monitor the children's engagement with their learning. Teachers will continue to phone and message families and support them with connecting to the platform. Keep up the hard work!!

## **Chromebooks and Data:**

I fully understand that parents are finding it really difficult to have all their children learning when they only have one computer or tablet. I am really sorry but we have given out the devices that we had at school and we don't have any more. We are waiting to hear from the LA about availability and will parents know if anything occurs.

We have asked parents about their access to the internet. If you are struggling to manage the data needed for remote learning or the costs of internet access please do fill out the form that was circulated this week. Again the Local Authority are trying to support families with their data packages but parents can also try this link.

<https://get-help-with-tech.education.gov.uk/about-increasing-mobile-data>

## **Whole School Assembly:**

It has been really lovely to see so many families logging onto the Whole School Assembly.

From this Monday there will be a slight change; Yr2 -Y6 are invited to join Mr Brading at the usual time of 9.30am. Mrs Byrne will then lead an Assembly for the younger children N-Y1. The invite will be on your child's Dojo.

### **The Wednesday Word:**

The Wednesday Word is still online and can be read at this link;

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/new-start?pid=MTA101634&p=2&v=14.5>

The phrase for the week is **New Start**.

*“Yesterday has gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We only have today. Let us begin.”*

I thought these words of Mother Theresa were particularly apt for times we are in.

### **Financial Support for families:**

#### **ASDA VOUCHERS**

I am really grateful to the Office staff for working so hard to ensure that those families who are entitled to support with meals are getting it.

I am also really conscious that there are other families who are **not** entitled to vouchers who might need some support. Thanks to the generosity of friends of the school we are able to give out Asda vouchers to parents who might need them. Please email Shirley or myself if you could use financial help and we will try our best to help out.