

# Newsletter



**Sacred Heart RC Primary School**

**22/01/2021**

## **Dear Parents,**

We are halfway through the first half term and my sympathies and admiration for you as parents grows each week. There has been some amazing activities on Dojo and many more families engaging in remote learning than in the previous lockdown. I will highlight some of the great work later in the newsletter. Please do keep in touch with the staff through Dojo messaging for queries about your child's learning and the office for any other queries. They are particularly pleased when you are positive about how things are going.

School is slightly busier this week with the return of those children that had to self-isolate. Hilary House has some children back this week and I am enormously grateful to the staff who are in school at some considerable risk.

The message remains the same: **your children and the rest of your family are safest if your children remain at home.**

I will also share some personal news (only because it is relevant) and that is, that I received the first dose of the Pfizer vaccine last week. Whilst I am in awe of my staff, I cannot begin to thank enough all the staff of the NHS, who are doing such an amazing job, both with the vaccine delivery and the heroic work on Covid wards. We will be forever grateful.



## **Class Dojo:**

Zoom lessons and catch ups are in full swing from reception to Year 6 and I hope families are increasingly able to log on and value the experience. All class teachers have been reminding their children of the standards of behaviour and zoom management that they expect. The vast majority of children have been brilliant but Mrs Byrne and I won't hesitate to contact parents of children whose behaviour slips. It is difficult I know but Zoom sessions are no different to the classroom.

**And unfortunately in the style of the Demon headteacher, I'm keeping a detention list for the return!**

## **Chromebooks and Data:**

We hope to loan out a few more Chrome Books this week and are still looking for data solutions. Please try the below links.

There is a waiting list and we will try to contact families who need support. We have an IT specialist, Alex Webster who is really happy to help families get their children connected and onto Dojo.

I will pass your emails on to him and he can arrange meetings in person or on the phone.

<https://www.businessdirect.bt.com/sectors/education/free-wi-fi/?ReferrerID=BTBD>

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

### **Some Good News:**

I wanted to share some belated good news with you all. A message from Mrs Newman (3N):

#### ***A New Year baby!!!***

***Oscar William Newman was born in the early hours of the morning on Saturday 2nd January. Weighing a hefty 9lb 6oz!***



### **Meals in a Bag, Tutoring and Asda vouchers:**

We are always looking to help families at this time.

Each week on a Tuesday, 30 meals in a bag are delivered by volunteers from the Emmanuel Foundation. Each Bag is a substantial meal for 4 with dessert. They went very quickly last week but do look out for the Parentmail and come and get one.

We are also working with Chandran Foundation who are providing tutoring for some children in Year 5 and Year 6. We are hoping to get more children started next week.

And finally thanks to the fundraising of an ex-pupil, we have weekly Asda vouchers available for any family. Please just Contact Shirley of the office staff and they can be collected or sent out.

### **Whole School Assembly:**

It was lovely to see so many families logging onto both the Whole School Assemblies.

The zoom package we have only allows 100 families to log in each time, so I apologise if you have been locked out but do keep trying. I am going to try and use the chat for answers to questions posed through the Assembly. I will see if my IT skills are up to it.

Year 2 to Year 6 Assembly Monday 9.30am

Nursery to Year 1 Assembly Monday 10.30am

### **Whole School Mass to celebrate the Feast of St John Bosco:**

Mass will be celebrated by Fr Hugh and Deacon Michael on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January. Time to be confirmed.

A zoom invite will be posted on Class dojo next week.

### **The Wednesday Word:**

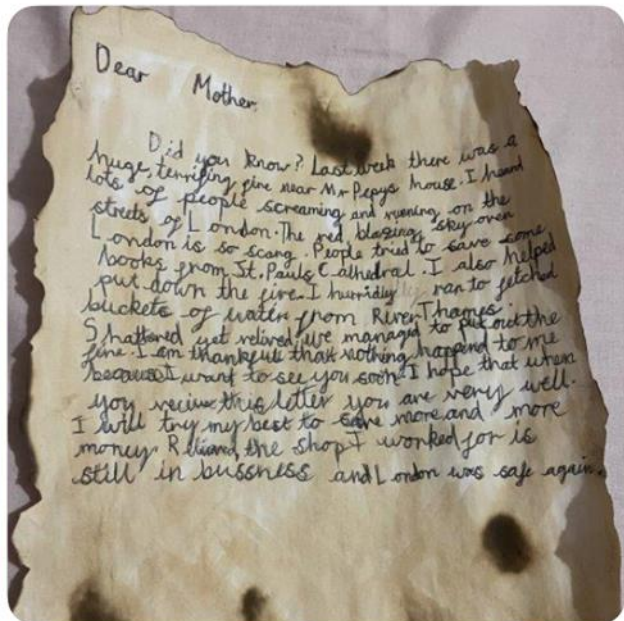
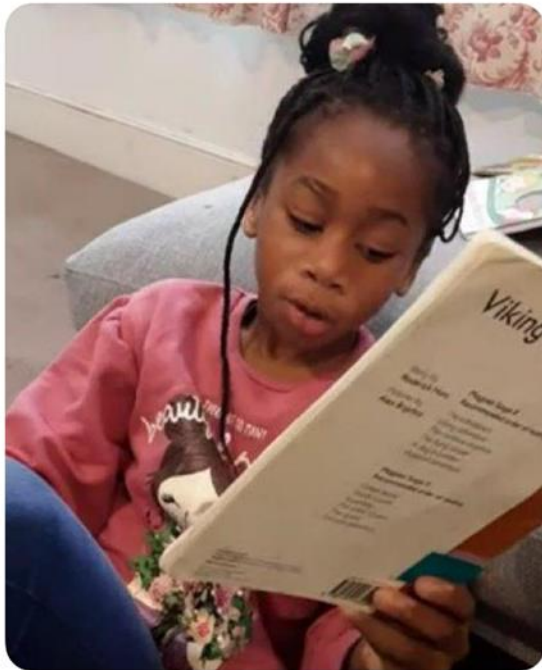
The Wednesday Word is still online and can be read via this link:

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

The word for the week is **Community**.

**“Whatever gifts and talents we are given by God, are to be shared with the entire community.”**

*St Baldwin of Canterbury*



Just a snippet  
of the fabulous  
learning going  
on this week!

