

Dear Parents, Carers, Governors and Parishioners,

Happy New Year!!

We hope you have had a restful break with your families. As we find ourselves in lockdown.....again! We'd like to thank you for the incredible amount of patience and understanding you all continue to show.

As you know, school is closed to all, other than Key Worker and vulnerable children and whilst it has been a joy welcoming them back, we miss all of our children who are working at home very much too.

A message for our children working at home – We are very proud of the way you have engaged in your home learning tasks, you've made a brilliant start and we know you will continue to do your best.

A message for our children working in school – How could we not say that we are proud of you too!! School is currently a very different place to be but you to have made a brilliant start to the term.

Staff – All of our teaching and support staff are working incredibly hard to ensure that we provide the best quality education for our children both at home and in school. How could we not say that we are proud of them too!!!

Remote Learning – Class Dojo continues to be an effective learning platform and through it we are developing new ways to connect to our children. Please continue to bring out the inner teacher in yourself.....you're truly doing an amazing job!!

Please familiarise yourself with our Remote Learning Policy which can be found on our website and our school app – The Hub / Policies.

May we remind you to please refrain from screenshotting or copying any information, message or posts to share on social media, WhatsApp groups or any other platform.

Epiphany – This week we have celebrated the feast of the Epiphany, where we gave thanks to the Lord, the light of the world.

Baby News – It is our pleasure to share the lovely news that Mrs Elder is expecting her second child in March. We wish her, Steven and Sam well as they all prepare for the new arrival.

Mrs Cresswell will continue to teach Mondrian class along with Mrs P.

Penshaw Food Bank – Thank you once again for all of your incredibly generous contributions. The food bank is still in operation and any donations will be gratefully received in school.

Resources – If you find you are running low and would like an exercise book for your child to work in, please contact the school office.

We have a limited number of laptops in school if you are struggling with devices. Please don't hesitate to contact us and we will support all we can.

Reflection – In these very difficult times it is more important than ever to stop and take stock. Please try to make time to share in our reflection, *God in the Storm*.

Lord, when our journey seems long, when hope seems far away, when our courage is failing, fill us with faith and trust.

Have a lovely weekend.

God Bless

Mrs Maher

