

Dear Families, Governors and Parishioners,

This week has been a real challenge for everyone and we'd like to thank you all for your continued understanding and support. It is, with the heaviest of hearts, that we have had to send home pupils and staff from 7 of our classes. These decisions have not been taken lightly but were in response to advice given by Public Health. We appreciate how anxious you may feel, but please be assured that the safety and well-being of all of our staff, children and their families remain a priority. If your child needs to self-isolate, you should have received notification of the isolation period and the date your child is expected to return to school. If you have any queries about this, please don't hesitate to contact us.

A special message must go to all of our children at this time:

We are incredibly proud of each and every one of you. You have shown incredible resilience and adapted brilliantly to the new measures in place.

Those of you that need to spend time at home in the coming weeks please try your best with the work that has been set for you.

For those of you that are in school, it may seem a little strange with fewer friends around, although you will be with your class bubble and there will still be familiar faces and grown-ups to support you. We know you will continue to do your best.

Well done to you all!!

There are always things to make us smile and celebrate and we would like to share some of the fantastic news as follows:

House Captain Elections:

We were delighted when many of our Year 6 pupils put themselves forward as candidates for captain and vice-captain of their house groups. This year, there was an additional challenge to standing for election – speeches had to be delivered virtually! We were stunned by the quality of their presentations! Each pupil was composed and delivered a well thought out message, competently! We were incredibly proud of each one of the candidates, however there were only 16 posts available and after strong competition the successful candidates are:

Matthew House	Captain – Edie	Vice-Captain – Benedict
Mark House	Captain – Rebecca S	Vice-Captain – Joshua B
Luke House	Captain – Scarlett	Vice-Captain – Martha
John House	Captain – Rose	Vice-Captain – Alex G
Aidan House	Captain – Jerrald	Vice-Captain – Lola
Thomas House	Captain – Thomas R	Vice-Captain – Beth
Andrew House	Captain – Hayden	Vice-Captain – Jakub
James House	Captain – Max	Vice-Captain – Jamie

Congratulations to everyone who stood for election, you made it a great competition! Special congratulations to our elected captains and vice-captains, we know you will do a super job in the year ahead.

Elections for other steering groups in school, from Eco Warriors to Mini Vinnies have also taken place and children who have been elected will be presented with their badges and celebrated in the coming weeks. Very well done to all and watch this space!

Happy Birthday

We would like to wish a very happy birthday to all of the children who have celebrated a birthday since the beginning of term. They have each been presented with a 'Birthday Certificate' which we hope will be a lovely keepsake.

Class Dojo

Class Dojo is proving a very effective learning platform for our children and we have had lots of positive feedback. Please remember help your child to upload their work to their portfolio. This means the class teacher, Mrs Maher and Mrs Lamond can see their fantastic efforts and give feedback. Should you experience any difficulties please let us know and we will be happy to help.

Please note: Any absences / appointments must be reported via the school office. Class Dojo is intended for pupil work and parent/teacher communication regarding this.

A new arrival

We are delighted to announce the safe arrival of baby Faith Edith Duncan. Many congratulations to Mr and Mrs Duncan and family. We all look forward to meeting her.

Coronavirus Symptom Reminder

Adults and children must not come to school if they display any of the main symptoms of coronavirus.

They are:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back
- A new continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child is unwell, and you are uncertain as to whether it may be a symptom, please contact the NHS.

Thank you for your many messages of support this week. They have been greatly appreciated. Take care and have a good weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs Maher