



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year! I'm sure you will appreciate why this week's update is later than usual. We've been incredibly busy over the last 6 days. We heard, when you did, on Monday night that primary schools were to revert to Home Learning but also remain open for the children of critical workers. We were able to adapt quickly and despite the late night notice, the teachers and staff at St Peter's were all positive and keen to ensure that our children received the best possible education. From Wednesday morning, we had 3 bubbles open in school with 18 children across 7 year groups plus Nursery. We also had nearly 50 children working online from across Northamptonshire. Deja-vu.

Nursery News

This week, we've welcomed new children to the new 'normal'. Everyone has settled into the routine quickly and all of the children were grinning from ear to ear when they saw the giant cardboard castle. They quickly got dressed up for role-playing traditional stories amongst the ramparts! The dressing up dragon is extremely popular. Thank you to all the parents for helping us by adhering to our COVID procedures by wearing masks, staggering arrival slots and packaging snacks in named disposable containers. These measures enable us to keep children, parents and staff as safe as possible.

Home Learning

We aim to provide the very best support we can for those who are learning at home. It is a situation not of our choosing and we understand the difficulties of working from home with children in the house. Whether it's sharing computers, slowing down internet speeds or simply supervising the children whilst you're on conference calls and in meetings, we will support you in any way we can. Please talk to your Class Teacher if you have specific issues, technical or pastoral. Remember that they will also be balancing working in school and being with their own families when working at home. They are all superheroes in my opinion. We hope to deliver Maths and English daily and also provide you with Science, Sport and Music throughout the week. Some of the activities can be done around your own working schedule and the teachers will always post lots of ideas and options to keep children busy. If this doesn't suit your personal arrangements, do your best to ensure the Maths and English is completed and use other resources whenever you can. As a nation, we are becoming much better at this style of learning and there are many resources out there to help you. CBBC launch a schedule of educational programmes from Monday; I've posted this into the Google Classrooms. If you find your own resources that work well or have devised systems that work for you, please share these with other parents via Google Classroom or tell your Class Teacher so that other parents can benefit. We're all in this together! We'll also be posting a whole school assembly on Monday and end of week Celebration Assemblies on Fridays.

Photo Albums

Christmas seems a long time ago now. If you want to look back and reminisce, I have uploaded several photo albums to the school website for you to look through with your family. Enjoy. <https://www.st-peters.org.uk/gallery/?pid=3&catid=1>



Some members of our community are self-isolating and we know some of you have been unwell; our thoughts and prayers are with you and your families. Keep safe and keep following national advice.

Regards,

Mr Thomas

Headteacher