



# St Bernard's

## NEWSLETTER

### January 2021



On behalf of the staff, I hope everyone is well and in a good routine in the current lockdown. The timing of the announcement in early January caused huge disruption to school and home but I can't thank our parents, our staff team and our children enough for how they have adjusted to a different style of learning. The past few weeks have been challenging on many levels and there is no doubt that the coming weeks will be tough. However, as a school community I'm proud of the way we are tackling this together to enable everyone to stay safe and continue with learning.

Parents - you are doing a great job. Keep going and stay strong. We fully understand the different circumstances and pressures you are under. I know first hand how hard it is to keep your children motivated to learn at home. Keep communicating with us and we'll do all we can to help. We have received so much lovely feedback from you and I'd like to return that and thank you for helping your children to continue to learn. Remote learning is hard but the more effort we put in throughout this tough period, the better equipped your children will be when they return to school. If any families still need help with technology, get in touch and we'll look to support you. With the Prime Minister announcing there are plans to potentially reopen schools in some form from 8th March, there is hopefully light at the end of the tunnel. We have been informed that we will get two weeks notice before reopening and will communicate plans as soon as we have the information to do so.

Children - we are all very proud of you! Keep doing your best and show the love of learning you always do in school. To help you stay in your routine:

- Get up and get dressed as you would normally do for a school day.
- Find somewhere comfortable to learn.
- Watch any teacher videos on your online platforms.
- Be resilient, do your best and show us what super learners you are.

Your teachers and learning coaches will continue to communicate with you through online platforms, Zoom video calls or phone calls. Make sure you do your best to engage - we love seeing you on screen and are missing you very much.

Wherever possible, join in with whole school events such as Book and Biscuit with Miss Reid and myself on Mondays and Wednesdays as well as Fitness Fridays. I have loved seeing so many children on screen working on their fitness. Miss Foy is posting art challenges each week and we have seen excellent examples of learning. Get involved if you are able to do so.

The staff team, as always, continues to be incredible. Teachers, learning coaches and our trainee teachers are working exceptionally hard to provide a high quality education for the children on site as well as at home. They have adjusted to this way of working so well and I'm proud to work with them.

As a Catholic community, we continue to ask God to keep us strong in tough times and we pray for all families in our community and around the world who have been affected by Covid. In times of uncertainty and distress, we need to continue to be here for each other and I have no doubt we'll do this.

Stay safe everyone and take care.

Mr Jevons



# Curriculum/ Home Learning

All the information you need about home learning can be found [here](#).

Check out these  
Lockdown  
Lunch  
Recipes



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Lockdown lunches

Easy, low-cost recipes for speedy lunchtimes

Food facts Recipes Activities Your child's weight



## CREATIVITY

Well done to all our fabulous artists who have taken on Miss Foy's weekly art challenges. Why not have a go yourself and get your artwork into the virtual art gallery?



## KEEPING ACTIVE

Don't forget you can access Drum Fit at home using these links.

[Team R,1 & 2](#)

[Team 3-6](#)



## BIG GARDEN BIRD WATCH

At St B's we love conservation and are always looking for ways to help save our planet. Why not create a bird feeder to help the birds over winter and see which birds come to visit your garden.

[Bird Watching Poster](#)



## READING

Keep reading at home. Once we are back in school the teachers will count up the reads in your reading records and you can make your way up the Reading Rainbow.



## WELLBEING

We hope all our families enjoyed some learning time away from the screen on Wellbeing Wednesday. Remember to look after yourselves. You are doing an amazing job.

Further wellbeing resources are available on our [website](#).

