




St. Sampson's Church of England Primary School

www.st-sampsons.wilts.sch.uk

 @StSampsonsPri

Term 3 - Number 15

Thursday, 14th January 2021

Well done to everyone for all your efforts this week. We are very aware of the many challenges around home schooling and online learning for you, the children and the team here. However, the level of engagement and positivity has been fantastic.



All the class teachers are keeping a log of pupil engagement and, where there appears to be an issue, or we haven't heard from you, we are getting in touch swiftly. Please remember that you can also get in touch with us if you need support with anything.

By the end of this week, every class will have had the opportunity of at least one 'live' lesson / session with their teachers, in addition to all the recorded tuition. We are keeping a central timetable of these live lessons to try to ensure that where families are sharing devices, all pupils have the opportunity to access these.

As always, if I can do anything to help during this time, please don't hesitate to drop me a message or give a call.

Jennifer Bayne

Scheduled TD Day - 12.2.21 (last day of this term)

This date was set at the beginning of the year as one of our 5 TD days where school is closed to pupils. **If it is looking like we will be coming out of full national lockdown at this point, then this TD day will go ahead.** We will be able to use it effectively to ensure that our provision in school going forward is compliant with any newly issued guidance and that the curriculum maps are adjusted following lockdown.

If it is looking like a full national lockdown will continue in to Term 4, then this TD day will not go ahead. Children will be expected to be 'in school' remotely on this day (unless they are registered as critical workers or vulnerable and would normally be in site). Our thinking is that this day can be used more productively by staff at the point that we come out of lockdown. In addition, a day of no school is probably more welcome to families when there are no longer restrictions that are currently in place.

Staffing Update

As you may be aware, Mr Lossin has not been in school since mid-September. Mr Lossin has now agreed a career break with the Governing Body and we look forward to welcoming him back at the start of next academic year.

Don't forget that we have some Vodafone data SIM cards that we can give out to support online learning. Please let us know if you could use one!