



All Saints Primary School

Weekly Parent Email

W/E 12th February 2021

Dear All,

Towards the end of the longer half terms, we usually see pupils becoming tired and generally needing a break from structured learning. With the added pressure of live lessons and online learning, that has certainly been apparent this week. Reflecting back, pupils should be proud of what they have achieved since Christmas: the commitment and enthusiasm shown towards live lessons has been remarkable. I am so proud of what we – as a school - have been able to offer as far as remote learning is concerned. Our staff have again risen to the (quite considerable) challenges and our provision has proven to be head and shoulders above the vast majority of other primary schools.

Congratulations to all the children who have taken part in the North Dorset Lockdown League. So far:

- Sapphires won the Speed Bounce competition
- KS2 have the highest participation rate
- Rubies have the best overall scores



The sporting challenges, which involve all North Dorset primary schools, will continue on a weekly basis in term time.

In recent weeks we have been inundated with extremely positive comments, messages and support. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you so much for your kind words, it means an awful lot to us.

A – Z of Mindfulness

The link below has a number of mindful activities which may help bring a little calm to your household over half term and onwards; they will help to support the emotional well-being of your children.

<https://rainbeaurelaxation.wordpress.com/2021/02/07/an-a-z-of-mindful-activities-for-children-during-lockdown/>

Coronavirus helpline for families

Dorset Council have set up a helpline for families worried about how their child is coping with the coronavirus crisis and lockdown. The helpline number is: **01258 474036**. It is open from Monday to Friday from 9am to 4.45pm. Callers need to ring and make an appointment for a 30 minute phone consultation.

Free Parent Workshop around Homeschooling

Below is a link for a free talk which will guide parents through some practical approaches to home learning that will help with engagement and motivation. It is being held on Saturday 20th February at 11am.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/positive-approaches-to-engage-with-home-schooling-tickets-139246707651>

If you need to contact us over half term, please email the office as we regularly check our school email account.

Have a great break and let's hope next half term sees us all return to school!

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