



SPRING TERM - NEWSLETTER - Issue 15 – 29 January

Message from Ms Jarrett

Dear parents and carers,

Another week has gone by and I continue to be extremely impressed and grateful to everyone for their incredible determination and hard work during these strange and difficult times. School staff are providing support and learning for all our children, both in school and remotely. Parents are adapting to the routines of remote learning and doing a fantastic job in supporting their children at home and our wonderful children are making the very best of what must be a bewildering, worrying and confusing situation.

This week we are starting to carry out regular Covid 19 testing for all school staff. We have received the home tests and will be commencing shortly to give another layer of protection to those of us in school. Events are developing at a rapid rate and we are working hard to keep ahead of these changes. Yesterday we heard mention of March 8th as a possible date for return to school. If and when we hear more, we will keep you informed...

I hope that you all manage to have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend and that we can have a few hours of sunshine to lift the spirits.

A heartfelt thanks for your continued support,

with all my best wishes,

Caroline Jarrett

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Mon 4th January 2021 to Thursday 1st April 2021

Half Term—Mon 15th February to Friday 19th February 2021

Easter Holiday Friday 2nd April to Friday 16th April 2021

Final Inset Day

Friday 11th June 2021

Assembly

Here is the link to Rev Paul Salaman's assembly focussing on this week of prayer for Christian Unity.

https://1drv.ms/v/s!Ak1P_GaFQnmwq23SnQEMGHOrjMq7?e=SOsfYE

Website

Why not check our website under the Learning tab - Photo Gallery Spring Term 2021 to see photos of our children at home and at school

Photos of our pupils at school and at home



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The children at school took a walk down the woods and had some fun whilst the sun was shining.



Keeping Children Safe Online

Following school closures, and families confined to their homes, we are aware that use of the internet, apps, gaming devices and online services are being accessed more than ever. Use of the internet provides a lifeline to many of us and has a number of benefits, from home learning, to staying in touch with loved ones. As time becomes an advantage to us all, it is vital that we continue to raise awareness of staying safe online, especially for Celtic Cross pupils. This seems a sensible time to reiterate to everyone a few key points to keep your child/ren safe online:

1/ Talking with children about technology use...

Open and honest conversations with children about what they are doing online is vital at any time, but especially at this point in time when your child might be making more extensive use of technology. Check in on their technology use regularly – find out about what they are doing online, what new tools and apps they might be using; select tools and content together and discuss why certain tools and apps might not be appropriate. Equally, keep the lines of conversation open; your child may have concerns regarding things they have encountered online; let them know that they can discuss any issues and that you'll find a solution together.

2/ Online learning

Remember, parents shouldn't be trying to recreate a school environment at home. As well as the home learning set by teachers, there is a wealth of information for pupils to access online. Ensuring that sites are reputable and safe for your child is a priority; the South West Grid for Learning offer a range of safe activities for children to access in their resources section. For those who are engaging with any online tutoring, the SWGfL provide pointers to reputable companies and resources.

This is also an excellent website to support families with online safety. (swgfl.org.uk)

3/ Online contacts and connections

The recommended age for a social media account is set at 13 and over. Social media, access to apps and gaming devices opens up the possibility of communication with strangers; children should remember that they can never be fully aware of who they are talking to online, and that they are free to shut down any conversations which make them feel uncomfortable in any way. Continue to monitor your child's activity and encourage open discussion regarding online activity.

4/ Other considerations...

- Choose carefully- support your child in accessing age appropriate content and set appropriate privacy settings-

- the 'BIK guide to online services' can help you with this.

- Ensure children keep personal info private.

- Encourage... 'Think before you share.'

- Beware of scams; if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is!

5/ What should I do if I have concerns about a child, or a child's online activity?

If this relates to an incident within school, you should contact the Head of School who is the setting's Designated Safeguarding Lead.

For concerns outside of school, you should call the local Multi Agency Referral Unit on 0300 1231 116.