



St. Werburgh's C. E. Primary School

Love to learn, Love God, Love one another

5 February 2021

Dear parent/carer,

We hope that you are all safe and well.

This week we have been celebrating 'Children's Mental Health Week' in school and have enjoyed working with the children on relaxing activities and also tasks for them to express their creativity. Many thanks to those who were able to join us from home for our special sessions of dance (led by Mrs Bloor); and yoga and relaxation, kindly led by PE expert Mrs Caroline Holder. The sessions were fabulous and left lots of children, family members and staff(!) smiling and also a little red in the cheeks! Please have a look on the school website for a link to a few ideas of activities you can do at home with the family this weekend. Remember, there is always someone there for you.

Following the launch of our new Arbor Parent Portal, we had a remarkable 49% of parents/ carers registering within the first week - which is amazing! The portal can be used to access your child/children's profiles and to top-up your child's dinner and Wraparound accounts. We believe that the desktop version of Arbor works best on a laptop, or tablet, where there is an 'add to basket' feature for topping-up different accounts. There is an app version available for smart phones, however this does not have the 'add to basket' feature at present. Hopefully, you are finding this new system to be helpful and convenient. If, however, you are having trouble accessing or navigating the site, please contact us - we will be happy to help.

As our remote education continues, we thank you for the support of your child's education through accessing the 'live' lessons and also by completing and returning work to your child's teacher. It is really important that learning is engaged with, and every moment you spend with your child makes a positive difference to their learning. Please can we request that all completed work is returned to your child's teacher once it is completed, as this way we can provide quicker feedback and plan the next steps for learning. Please, please let us know if you are experiencing any difficulties with the work and also if you are struggling with technology - we have some equipment which we can loan out to enable your child to continue to learn at home and can also offer technical advice over the telephone.

This week, we said 'goodbye' to the incredible Captain Sir Tom Moore who passed away at 100 years old. We are sure that you have been amazed at the difference Captain Sir Tom has made in the world and will join us in sending best wishes to his family and loved ones.

Thank you once again for your support of school this week, it really does bring a smile to the team. Thanks also for looking out for one another, as kindness is especially important at the moment.

Stay safe and have both a physically and mentally healthy weekend.

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