



Uffington
Church of England
Primary School

Friday 8th January 2021]

Dear Parents and Carers

Congratulations to you and your children for making it to the end of this most extraordinary of weeks! It was wonderful to see so many of you on our Zoom Merits this afternoon – we estimate that there must have been almost a hundred participants!

We appreciate that supporting learning home can be a real challenge and so we do want to do everything we can to support you and your children over the coming weeks. I have to confess that our Remote Learning Offer sent to you earlier this week has proved to be over-ambitious but we are committed to providing at least one live session with the teacher each day. There will be some live teaching and your child will be signposted to pre-recorded video lessons at other times. We hope that these sessions will take some of the pressure off you; once your children are set up, please don't feel that you must stay in the room to supervise as these lessons are designed to be accessed independently.

We are trying to ensure that the amount of work set is realistic but if your child is struggling, please contact the class teacher. We do expect work to be done but not at the expense of family harmony!

It would be really helpful if you could make sure that work for each day is 'turned in' on Google Classroom so that your child's teacher can monitor progress and make adaptations for the next day's learning as necessary. There is guidance on Google Classroom regarding the 'turning in' of work if you have yet to master this.

During this period of lockdown it is really important that your children remain active so do make time each day for some physical exercise. Joe Wicks will resume his daily on-line sessions from Monday. These are scheduled for each Monday, Wednesday and Friday on his YouTube channel. Inspire+ are also running daily well-being sessions which you can access via their social media channels.

We shall continue to celebrate with a weekly Merit Assembly at 2:30pm on a Friday and Fr Aran will also lead Collective Worship on Zoom on a Monday afternoon if you would like to join these sessions – a chance to be quiet and reflect at the end of a busy day.

Topic: Collective Worship with Fr Aran

Time: Mondays at 2:45pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83942623494?pwd=dmtBRWRGVzZ1TEdkckhkZnNrQXJIUT09>

Meeting ID: 839 4262 3494

Passcode: 236012

Finally...

We are expected to register children as normal whether they are in school or at home. Please inform us if your child is not able to engage in home learning due to a COVID infection.

Many thanks for your supported during these difficult times.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Simms