

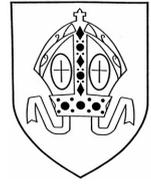


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Psalm 19:14.....O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Friday 8th January 2021

Head Teacher's Message

Dear Parents

As we reach Friday, it does seem to have been a long week! From the point we knew of the lockdown and with changing information and contradictions each day; school closure for two weeks then to at least six weeks, everyone has been focused on the response to the situation.

Thank you to all of you for what they have taken on this week to create the best schooling opportunities for the children. The challenges are different this time and it has been very reassuring to have so many messages of support for what we are doing. Circumstances and personal response change through the pandemic. The return to school last September raised hope that the end was in sight and we had a sense of normality.

In Lockdown again, our first concern is the well-being of our children, families and the staff. Critical workers with the right to be in school have gone to great lengths to homeschool their children and support the safety scenario. Grateful though we are, the most willing to try have often been those frontline workers for whom the category exists! By the end of the week approximately 30% of our children will be in school.

This proportion of children in school has a significance for the organisation of the school and the homeschooling offer we can make. Each teacher in a phase represents a third and it has been important to reach a point that the numbers on Teams lessons resemble class numbers with staff to ensure the experience is valuable. Having up to third in school actually supports the online teaching we can provide for the children out of school.

During the original school closure last year, with limited numbers across a wide age range in school, we concentrated on providing a curriculum that could be home taught and was **supervised** in school. We developed the use of Tapestry and then some Zoom lessons as we headed to our transition period in July. The challenge of the autumn term was Catch-up which was proceeding well, but additional staff training went into Teams, which we developed from in-house expertise following the Government arrangements, for which we still await the promised funds.

With some number of weeks of closure in prospect, we have been determined to offer live and pre-recorded teaching to try and meet everyone's circumstances. **Please find on page 2 the timetable of teacher inputs for each year group for next week.** Mrs Quinn has reduced potential live lesson clashes for siblings to the minimum, which may be avoided with sufficient devices. Please see the home learning page on the website for an example timetable alongside the week's learning **from Sunday**. We believe we are moving in the right direction to ensure the quality of learning for both children both in school and at home, but we need to acknowledge this may have initial teething problems including the fact that all the systems struggled across the country with the increased usage this week.

Please **complete the survey about technology** following the link on the Scopay email. There are some more routes we can explore next week to try a secure improved connectivity and locate more devices, but to do that, we need this information, which is only for our use to support you. We will continue to adapt and add to our offer as the weeks go by and try to ensure the quality and equality of home and school learning. Please remember well-being and safety remain the priority and we do not want to add to the stresses of the time. It is reasonable to drop out of occasional sessions and look for help when necessary.

Kind regards

Linda Wiskin

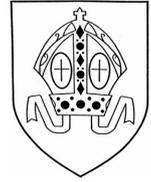


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Remote Teaching Timetable from 11th January 2021

Time(clear start time but end time is dependent on length of input required)	Year group	Year group	Class
9:00-9:45	Year 5	Year 4	
9:45-10:30	Year 1	Year 2	Class 1
10:30-11:15	Year 3	Year 6	Class 2
11:15-12:00	Year 1	Year 2	
12:00-12:45	Year 5	Year 6	
12:45-13:30	Year 3	Year 4	
13:30-14:15	Year 5	Year 6	Class 2
14:15-15:00	Year 1	Year 2	Class 1

Weekly Special Achievement Awards

EYFS

Lucy L

Chloe P

Ælfreda B

Lower School

Bonnie G

James C

David F

Middle School

Lucy B

Shrihan S

Archie W

Upper School

Isabella G

Francine N

Alex Y

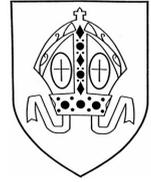


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Lunch Menu week commencing 11th January 2021

Menu Week 3

MONDAY	OPTION 1 Mac Cheese Garlic bread Side salad	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese Side salad	OPTION 3 Jacket Potato Beans Side salad	Dessert Pancake with sauce Fruit Bar
TUESDAY	OPTION 1 Sausage Roll Mash Potatoes Baked Beans, Sweetcorn & Gravy Side salad	OPTION 2 Cheese Tomato Omelette Side salad		Dessert Fruit Crumble with custard Fruit Bar
WEDNESDAY	OPTION 1 Chicken Casserole Served in a Yorkshire pudding Fresh vegetables	OPTION 2 Jacket Potato Cheese Side salad	OPTION 3 Jacket Potato Beans Side salad	Dessert Chocolate Cracknell Fruit Bar
THURSDAY	OPTION 1 Burger in a bun Herby diced potatoes Side salad	OPTION 2 Vegetarian Burger in a bun Herby diced potatoes Side salad		Dessert Oat Cookie Fruit Bar
FRIDAY	OPTION 1 Fish Finger Smiley Faces, Peas & Baked Beans Side salad	OPTION 2 Quorn Dippers Smiley Faces, Peas & Baked Beans Side salad		Dessert Iced Sponge

Please remember to pre-order lunches on SCOPAY even if your child is bringing in a packed lunch from home.

Instructions can be found on our [website/parent's page](#) Many thanks.

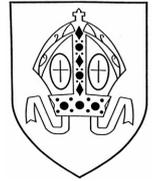


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RSE at Home: Primary

Relationship and Sex Education workshop created especially for Essex parents and carers, of Primary school aged children.

Talking to young people about their sexual health can be a challenging experience. In this training, we draw on our 55 years of expertise of talking to young people about their sexual health and provide a comprehensive overview of the information that you need to know.

Our Education and Wellbeing Specialists will explore;

- How the new legislation will impact on your child
- What it means for primary school students
- What is taught and why we teach it
- How you can continue those conversations at home.

There will be time reserved for questions and how Brook can provide further support.

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Healthy lives for young people



Booking details

25th February 2021 10.00am-11.00am

[Booking Link](#)

19th March 2021 6.30pm-7.30pm

[Booking Link](#)

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