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# BIDSTON VILLAGE CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

*'Love Faith, Love People, Love Learning'*



## NEWSLETTER

Thank you to those of you who are continuing to keep your children at home during the third lockdown. This has allowed us to prioritise places in school for those key children who's parents really need it, to continue working and to limit contact for children and staff. The Government have stated that if you can keep your children at home, you should. I know that this means some of your children will be in school some days and at home others, but this helps to keep us all safer. As an additional safeguarding measure, all staff in school have recently started to use lateral flow self-testing kits and this will continue on a weekly basis.

### ROOF UPDATE

We are very fortunate to have secured financial support from Wirral Council to replace our whole school roof as we have suffered water ingress and leaks for over 10 years. The replacement works should be completed in 4 months but it is very much weather dependent.

Thank you for your understanding and support for your short term diversions around the school.



We are in the process of starting to trial some zoom meetings with the children at home in the form of surgeries to support children and parents. We will also be arranging whole class sessions on a weekly basis. This will enable staff and children, at home and in school, to see each other.

For safeguarding purposes, please make sure you have signed the consent form on Parent app for the home learning agreement as we need this before we can allow access to any Zoom meeting.

## Devices for loan during lockdown

We still have a number of iPads and laptops available to families who are struggling to get the children online or having to use a mobile phone.

These are available to loan for the duration of lockdown. Please contact your child's teacher for further details.



## Fundraising

We all took part in St John's Hospice, Wirral in December and raised a huge £3224!

We also raised £156.52 for the anti-bullying alliance last term.

Thank you!!



F2 have been taking part in the RSPB Big School's Birdwatch. They have made bird feeders to feed the birds in school and at home.

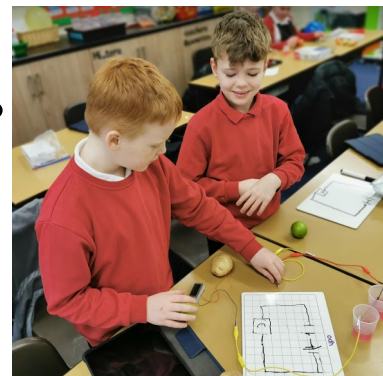
## Face coverings-

Please remember that, for the safety of our school community with current restrictions, all parents and carers must wear a face covering at school when picking up, dropping off and entering school grounds-unless you are medically exempt. Thank you for your support.



## Workshops in Key Stage 2

Year 4, 5 and 6 have taken part in a workshop on how to use CoSpaces, an app that allows them to create a virtual world. Some children were even able to join online from home. Year 4 and 5 bubbles took part in an electricity workshop, played with static electricity and made a potato powered clock.



## Reading in Key Stage 1

The children in Year 1 and 2 have been trialling a new online reading scheme called 'Bug Club'. They can earn coins in exchange for things like pets or stickers. There is lots of brilliant reading going on. Well done to all the super readers! Keep it up!

If you are having any difficulties due to the challenges presented by COVID-19 please keep us up to date. We do not want to make your lives more difficult at a time when we are dealing with unprecedented challenge. You can call the school on 0151 652 0673 or send your class teacher a message if you need our help. Together we can ensure that none of our children miss out on their learning during this closure but more importantly remain positive and happy people.



## Farewell Ron



After spending over 17 years at St. Oswalds Church and presiding as vicar at Bidston Village, Ron is taking on a new adventure in Cheshire- looking after 4 parishes. Ron has been a great support to everyone in school as chair of governors as well as our vicar our school and he will be greatly missed by staff and children. We wish Ron the best of luck for the future and hope he will visit us again soon.

## School and remote education provision-

Thank you all for your continued support as we operate both school and home learning bubbles. A huge well done to all the children and adults at home for doing such an incredible job at remote learning! It's pleasing to see that so many families are engaging with the work we are providing for those pupils learning from home. None of us can claim that this situation is easy so we thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning.

We have recently produced a document (Remote Education Provision- for parents) and this provides details of our teaching programme, expectations for learning and ways in which we will feedback to you. This can be accessed on our school website [www.bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk](http://www.bidstonvillage.wirral.sch.uk) by selecting the home learning button.