



Friday 23rd October 2020

Dear Family,

I am writing to wish you all a very happy and safe half term holiday. As we come to the end of what has been a very different start to the school year, it is clear that we are dealing with a constantly changing situation. Thanks to your support, we have been able to establish routines that are working well in school and it is great to hear the corridors full of the joy of learning again. Over the last week, 'Bubble Assemblies' have been a privilege to host and it has been a pleasure to have the children back in the hall, in small groups. The children's resilience and agility has been astounding and the staff and I are very proud of how positively they have returned to school. I am very grateful for the part that parents and carers have played in ensuring that our school can run so smoothly. It is reassuring to know that the government are dedicated to primary schools remaining open and that we can continue to ensure that children learn in a reciprocal way and form the relationships with their peers that are so important.

Reporting positive cases through the half term week

Schools play a key role in 'Test and Trace' and it is therefore vital that should your child or anyone in your household test positive for COVID -19 over the holidays, that you notify school. Please email info@st-james.dudley.sch.uk - this email address will be monitored daily. Should we need to contact you for test and trace purposes, this will be done via email. Please do check your emails regularly, in case there is a change in circumstances for your child's year group.

Termly Reporting

Knowing our school community, we have chosen written reports to correspond with families this term, as this was a guaranteed way to ensure that we reached everyone. We understand that some of you will want to discuss issues raised in the report with a follow up phone call from your child's class teacher. Should this be the case, please email reports@st-james.dudley.sch.uk with a quick message about the area of the report that you would like to discuss and a phone call will be arranged on the following afternoons:

Monday 9th November - year 1

Tuesday 10th November - year 2

Wednesday 11th November - year 3 and year 6

Thursday 12th November - year 4 and year 5

Friday 13th November - reception classes

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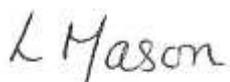


Remembrance assemblies

Following the holiday, we will be thinking about the upcoming Remembrance events. 'Bubble Assemblies' have been planned and poppies are on sale in the classrooms. As well as looking back and remembering, we are keen to make the week about hope and looking forward as well. Children will be making and learning about red poppies in school. In addition, every child will be writing their hopes on a white poppy to create a display in the school hall. We hope to be able to share the contents of the assembly and the display with you via our website.

I do hope that you all manage to have a lovely week. Although we know that the situation will continue to be fragile, we will be making lots of exciting plans for your children, in the run up to Christmas. We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 2nd November.

Yours sincerely



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