

'A Caring Christian Family Where We Grow Together'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had an enjoyable weekend and are continuing to be able to follow the remote learning routine as best you can. We appreciate that it isn't always easy to complete everything we set but we appreciate everything you are doing with your children during these weeks of closure. You are all doing an amazing job: keep going, keep smiling and we will get through this together.

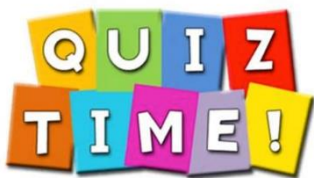
As I have always said this will not be perfect. I appreciate that learning at home is no substitute to being in school and the social and academic benefits that it brings for all children. Nothing can ever replace a talented teacher in a classroom. However, through the use of Google classrooms we can continue to ensure that the much needed face to face teaching takes place twice daily now the need is there to keep our school closed.

You will have seen last week that the government is proposing to re-open schools from 8th March. At present I have no further details as to how this will look and whether it will be a full or staggered re-opening as we did in June 2020. We all know this date is dependent on so many factors outside our control but once I am in possession of the finer details, I will of course have a planned opening communicated to you.

We have also had notification that schools **are not** required to stay open during the February half term for online teaching or Key Worker provision. Therefore, school will close to all, as per our advertised holiday dates, on Friday 12th February and re-open for Key Workers and remote learning on Monday 22nd February.

I continue to be amazed with the resilience of both staff, parents and the most important ones - the children. They have all engaged with the learning set by teachers and it was lovely to welcome a large number of our families again onto our Zoom celebration worship at the end of last week.

One of my most important objectives, is that we stay connected as a school and that even though we are physically parted we can still maintain our Bunbury school family community. Over the next few weeks in addition to the end of week celebration Worship, I will continue to host some regular events for the children and families.



Thank you to everyone who joined us for our first online Bunbury family social event on Friday evening. We had over 36 families joining us for our Bunbury Family Quiz and it was enjoyed by all. It was fantastic to see how many of the questions the children were able to answer and I was really impressed by their general knowledge. Well done to all who took part. There were a number of families who scored highly and as a result I have put names into a hat to draw out our winning family for our first lockdown hamper. Congratulations to Anya, Reuben

and family who will receive the following basket. Look out for our next family social event in the forthcoming weeks.





This week we will continue with our story time sessions on Tuesday and Thursday. The **Tuesday** session will be directed at Reception/KS1 children and the **Thursday** session at KS2. Both sessions will begin at 2.45pm and last approximately 15-20 minutes.

Please see the links below to join either of these 2 sessions.

Reception / KS1 Storytime: Tuesday 2nd February 2.45pm

Topic: Reception/KS1 Storytime

Time: Feb 2, 2021 02:45 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/95464528442?pwd=SXhYazltYzVBYUx6ZFpwV1VSaW9XQT09>

Meeting ID: 954 6452 8442

Passcode: Z7hvTX

KS2 Storytime: Thursday 4th February 2.45pm

Topic: KS2 Storytime

Time: Feb 4, 2021 2:45pm

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99946816051?pwd=Q1ZKZIROaFdWZ3FoM0s0MFN5QmdWUT09>

Meeting ID: 999 4681 6051

Passcode: fUiTj1

As always we will end our week with our Zoom celebration worship and all children are invited to attend. Please find the link below to this week's worship.

Zoom Celebration Worship: 11.30am Friday 5th February

Topic: Zoom Celebration Worship

Time: Feb 5, 2021 11:30am

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/99754274310?pwd=RFNDZDY3OU5OTzJ1UCtydGtpK3QxQT09>

Meeting ID: 997 5427 4310

Passcode: EJ043U

In the meantime, we will continue to support you from a distance as much as we are able. We won't always get it right and that is when we learn and change. Thank you for the many supportive and positive emails, donations of laptops and kind gifts. It shows that we understand we are in this together and will get through it together.

If there is anything we can do to support you and your families during this time, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Take care and stay safe

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'N M Badger'.

N M Badger
Principal