



# St Anne's Church Academy @Hewish & @West Wick



Term 3  
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week has passed and I cannot decide if it has gone quickly or slowly? Life at school has settled into its new 'normal' with our staff and children working both remotely and on site. Despite the challenges, we have been blown away by the engagement shown to remote learning and you should be congratulating yourselves and your children on a job well done! We need to keep this momentum going as we continue through the next weeks of lockdown. I am sure we can do it.

Thank you for all your kind messages of support. I was inundated with lovely emails after last week's newsletter expressing thanks to our wonderful school staff. They are all working incredibly hard to ensure your children's education is as uninterrupted as possible and feeling appreciated is lovely. We want to help so please contact us if you need anything. Thank you also to the families who have sent goodies to the school sites. We do love goodies!

Take care

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## FAMILY FIRST MAGAZINE

Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning and entertained at home during lockdown.

[https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff\\_issue\\_7\\_digital211220](https://issuu.com/sevenstarmedia/docs/ff_issue_7_digital211220)



## SCHOOL NURSING SURVEY

This questionnaire is for children, young people and their families around Health Visiting and School Nursing Services in North Somerset.

<https://northsomerset.gov.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=160431060337>

## CRITICAL WORKER ON SITE TEACHING

Thank you to all our critical workers who responded to my requests to keep children at home when you could in line with Government advice. The numbers at WW have reduced significantly. At both of our sites, we have been able to reduce the number of staff accordingly and it feels much quieter. If you have requested a place and no longer need it, please let school know so that we can reduce staffing further to minimise social mixing on our sites. If you are a frontline worker critical to the Covid response e.g. NHS and your shifts change or you are asked to cover additional shifts, we can help and will always accommodate your children so please just ask.

If your child is ill, please keep them at home and do not send them to school. Please let the school office crew know if your child develops Covid symptoms and you have get them tested and inform school of the result as it could result in a bubble closure and children and staff needing to isolate.

## REMOTE LEARNING

A huge well done to everyone for your response to remote learning. The engagement has been fantastic and we are very proud of all of you. We fully understand how challenging it can be. (Many of our staff are home schooling their own children!) It is very important that children keep up with their learning at home. We appreciate that every family has different circumstances and how you organise your child's remote learning is up to you. However, there is an expectation that every child participates in remote learning every week day in some way – school at home instead of school at school. Older children should be able to engage more independently and follow the instructions provided via Google classroom.



Teaching staff are working very hard to ensure learning is uploaded every day with videos and lots of instructions to support you all. The expectation is that children complete as much of the learning set as possible. In order for teachers to give feedback to children, they need to 'hand in' their learning to the teacher either by uploading to google classroom or via an email to teachers directly. The learning is set as a sequence so if a day is missed the learning sequence will be interrupted and it will be more difficult for children to keep up so please support children to complete some learning each day.

If your child has a learning pack, the expectation of daily learning is the same. Teachers would like to give feedback on this learning so please send a photo of the learning to your child's teacher or return the completed pack to school and we can provide the next pack.

Teaching staff are monitoring the engagement of remote learning and will be contacting families who have not engaged to offer support and help.

We have sent out a remote learning survey via Google forms to gauge feedback about our remote learning offer and to find out how you are all getting on in order to continue to adapt and make improvements. Please find the link to the form here:

<https://forms.gle/YBpKbfEguhDiayEKA>

If you have any issues with Google classroom or Tapestry, please contact the school or your class teacher and we will help.

If you are having issues with devices, please let your class teacher know. It is possible to use Google classroom via X boxes and PS4 which may help. Please use the guide here.

Useful links for remote learning:

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

This site has loads of links to recorded lessons for KS1 and Ks2

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> -

This site has lots of very useful lessons, quizzes and interactive games for all children

The following sites are offering some free resources;

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/> - this is a brilliant site for practising phonics. The children love the interactive games. This site is free throughout January.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/> - This phonics and early reading app is free to download until Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January

Please encourage your children to use our school learning apps to practise spellings, reading and times tables: The subscriptions for these apps are very costly. Please make use of these brilliant apps to support vital basic skills for your children. Little and often will really help.



Bug Club



Our value for this term is **Perseverance** which is a very apt value for all of us at the moment as we are coping with these challenging circumstances.

Please remember to be kind to yourself. You are all trying your best and that is all you can do. Please let school know if we can help in any way. We will get through this!



Chloe B (year 6@ WW) wrote a prayer about perseverance as part of her remote learning and I wanted to share it with you all.



For anyone who needs some help to persevere, there is lots of support available. Please click on the links below:

<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>