



or, "here we go again" 😊

Dear Parents,

1. **Co-Vid positive cases in school and the wider community, have been noted, this week.**
Thank you to the relevant parents for informing us as quickly as they could. That is very supportive. We send our best to those who are unwell. A plea, to a tiny few parents, who are still standing with children running around in and out of each others' space, after school; this virus thrives on close contact and affects many more than just you - as we have witnessed. Please remember - hands, face, space.
2. **Friday 12th February is an INSET Day** – Please remember school is closed now until Monday 22nd February. Thank you to all parents, grandparents, staff at all levels and children, who have worked really hard to engage with Remote Learning and within school, also. We look forward, to edging closer to a new normality soon after half term.
3. **New security fencing work to commence during half term** - Please note the following changes to arrangements for collecting and dropping children into school from Monday 22nd February - Friday 5th March.
 - a. **Reception and Nursery children** will be greeted at the top of the entrance to the car park by staff at 8.45am (or for Nursery children of non critical workers 9.10am). They will then be escorted to their classrooms. Reception and Nursery children will be escorted to the entrance to the car park, each afternoon.
 - b. **Y3 children (and siblings)** will be redirected to Cranleigh Close Entrance each a.m and p.m, temporarily.
4. **Remote Learning Questionnaires.** Almost 40% of all parents have now shared their views about Remote Learning, via Google forms. Please find the link here, and on the Homepage of the school website. If you haven't shared your thoughts, we look forward to hearing them across the half term
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdAWnP7JtflrQKYgEGkSCWzWjgkVVu5OTNUdszgpC35vuoOCQ/viewform>
5. **An Early Years "How to help your child with their Reading at home" set of videos will be posted on Nursery and Reception pages by tomorrow.** They are very informative, Mums and Dads, and will definitely support your child's progress when you listen to them. Normally, we would invite parents in, however Lockdown has taught us to think differently and, hopefully, you will be able to refer to these time and time again, to move learning forward. My thanks to Miss Wood, Mrs Smith and the EYFS larger team, too.
6. **Y6 parents, Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for Thursday 18th March.** At this stage, we are dubious as to whether it can go ahead, however, time will tell. In the meantime, Mrs Hayes and Mrs Heenan, supported by Fr Craig, are preparing a Y6 Confirmation parents' support video package, which will be posted onto the school website by Friday 26th February. If you wish your child to be confirmed, then you will need to log onto the videos and listen/act on the information. If you do not wish your child to be confirmed, but would also like to listen and take part in the celebration, then you are also welcome to log on. We have always been very explicit about the place of sacramental preparation for ALL, irrespective of faith, here at SMA, as indicated in the Home School Agreement. We have always been really proud of our non catholic, non Christian childrens' faith journeys alongside their peers. Long may that continue. Where children are openly disrespectful, I will be in touch for your full support in correcting their behaviour. Many thanks in anticipation. Rest assured, Fr Craig and Mrs Hayes/Mrs Heenan have a Plan B up their sleeves.

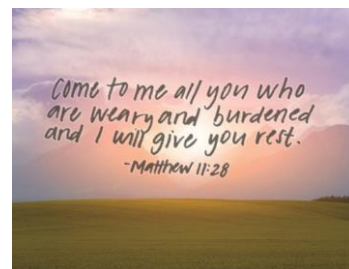
February updates and reminders -

Applications for Nursery places in 2021/2022 need to be in by Monday February 22nd at the latest.

Zoom Meetings were really well received today. It was a pleasure to be able to dip into different meetings this morning. Lots of children have shared how much they have enjoyed it. Let's aim for same time and same place on Thursday 25th February. See your class pages for details.

PTA 50/50 winners are on the separate attachment. Thanks to the PTA, as always.

And Finally...



We will remember all of you in our prayers, this week. God is never far from us, especially when we need him, most.

"Recognising and celebrating the presence of Christ in one another"