



or, "here we go again" 😊

Dear Parents,

1. **FSM Vouchers** – Good news. The government have announced their plans to re instate FSM Vouchers, commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Please keep your eyes open for the voucher which we believe should be operative, via the national voucher scheme, in much the same way as it was last time. Please let us know if you have not received your email by Wednesday of next week.
2. **Autumn Term Progress Charts** – these will be sent out to you by early next week. Staff have prepared these **as an interim report for you**. They link to the parents' consultations, last term, and will benefit you as you support your children's homework and home learning. They **indicate the areas that your child really needs to develop** in order to progress further.
3. **Thanks Parents; home school liaison is effectively supporting children** – the communication evident in almost all cases, across school is really great. Thank you- that makes our job so much easier as we have a duty of care to know that your child is safe and is accessing their work in line with their entitlements. The quality and ingenuity of the work is really encouraging for teachers and their teaching assistants (and me) to see. It makes their efforts all very worthwhile. Keep up the hard work Mums, Dads and Grandparents. And also, keep the communication channels flowing- especially when you are struggling. We are here to help from 8-6pm.
4. **Online Music lessons** are due to start for clarinet, violin and flute players. Please contact the school office if you normally have these lessons in school and have not yet heard from your teachers.
5. **Site safety** - we have in excess of 110 children and their parents on site each morning and afternoon. These numbers are substantially higher than other local schools. We are happy to provide for these children to support the greater good during CoVid 19. However, in return, please can I remind all parents that there is an expectation that social distancing will be fully supported. Thank you so very much to almost all parents who really are looking after our staff by **maintaining those distances, wearing masks and leaving the site quickly**.

**Home Learning** **Well done** to lots of children and parents who are responding to teachers' and teaching assistants' comments. We now need you to:

- Always use the video link first – it teaches the children
- Encourage them to listen **and respond** by pausing the video each time and following the advice
- Challenge them with their handwriting and their spelling
- Send the work in and look at the comments staff are making

## **What's all this about "yes yellow"?**

Next week in their videos, teachers will be expecting children to edit their work, in the way we do in school. Teachers will be asking children AFTER they have finished their work, to look for some examples of: good word choices, or capital letters, or a spelling pattern, or a well formed number or letter, etc. When children spot these, they are asked to **"yes yellow"** them (It can be ANY colour or even underline or circle the word). It just reminds them about what they already know is expected in their writing. Give it a try- it will immediately improve their concentration and their sense of achievement, if you do. **Remember, use any colour!** 😊

## **Other news**

Tomorrow morning, we have our very first **Congratulations' Assembly, remotely shared with children in class and those of you at home. I look forward to seeing you there!**

Mrs Donovan will be uploading her dance videos soon. We look forward to these, also.

Mrs Amann will be uploading a story, read by herself, each week. Look out for it on class pages; it will be worth tuning in to.

**And Finally...** Yesterday, we celebrated the Baptism of the Lord. These are trying times, but Christ is with us, even when we do not know it. Have a lovely weekend.

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