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Newsletter 13 - February 1st 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Catholic Life

Tomorrow is the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas). On this day (which falls 40 days after Christmas day and marks the ends of the Christmas Season in the Orthodox Church), we remember Simeon's joy at seeing the Messiah before him and his proclamation that Jesus is 'the light for all nations'. It is on this day that the Church blesses all the candles and we can mark this by placing a new candle in our focus for prayer.

Phone Calls

The school telephone lines have been down today and towards the end of last week - apologies to anyone who was trying to contact us during this time. If there is ever a time when you can not get through, please email the school office or in case of emergency contact the school mobile on 07561611597.

Laptops

Our DFE allocation of laptops finally arrived at the end of last week. We have been busy contacting families to arrange collection of devices where a need has been identified. If you have not been contacted to collect one but feel that you need one to enable your child/children to access the remote learning, then please get in touch.

FSM

All families that are entitled to Free School Meals have had their vouchers sent - these vouchers should take you to the February half term.

Remote Learning

It has been lovely to see the children uploading their work from home and joining in with the meet and greet sessions. We continue to develop our provision to try and meet everyone's needs. There is a remote learning tab on the school website with relevant documents to outline how we will deliver our remote learning. The policy and agreement can also be found there.

If you do have issues with any aspect of the remote learning, please use the homelearning@st-augustines.coventry.sch.uk email to contact us if you do have any issues. We will try to address them as soon as possible.

COV-id update

All of the latest risk assessments and policies are available on the school website. Can we remind parents whose children are attending to keep children at home if they are displaying any symptoms of COV-id 19 or if they are not well enough to attend.

Mental Health Week

We know that being in lock-down again is very difficult and we know that it is having an adverse affect on some of our children. This week (February 1st - 7th) is Children's Mental Health week and there are lots of resources available to share with your children at childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk. I do understand how stressful it can be to keep the children motivated. You can only do your best and they can only do their best. We want you all to stay safe and healthy. We will work on catching up when it is safe to have the children back in school.

Below is a prayer to say that asks for help in these anxious times



A Prayer to St. Brigid: You brought light to the darkness. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

May the Holy Cross of Jesus be our hope.

Helen Forrest