

# Newsletter 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear parents,

*8th March, the earliest date for schools returning to full opening.*

These are the words which fill the news this week. These words will be received by different families with contrasting feelings. We know many of you are enjoying the time with your family and actually making the best of the opportunity to learn with your children. Children have been learning differently and although we hear of the struggles that some of them are experiencing, we also know that some are actually thriving and learning skills they wouldn't learn in a classroom.

But of course, some parents are finding it difficult, to the point that in some instances they question the quality of the work they are doing with their children. Am I supporting my child enough? I have work to do and do not have sufficient time, am I neglecting my child's education?

Let me answer your questions, you are doing a wonderful job! If you are working full time from home and have one or more children also doing remote learning, you are amazing! To be able to juggle all those chores and find the right balance for all your responsibilities is a real achievement. I have, personally, experienced the anxiety of having remote meetings in the evening, when I know that at any time a 'little' head could appear in my screen.

We are all in this together; this old saying is certainly real at the moment. Fortunately, the attendance by our children at the remote lessons continues to be exceptionally high. This, surely is a sign of the great job parents are doing. Furthermore, I have seen the snapshots of children's work, which whether maths or literacy or arts and crafts, is very impressive. You are not alone, and you are doing a brilliant job, well done!

So, next time you have a moment of doubt and you question if you are doing enough, you can say: I am a parent, I am a teacher, I am an ICT technician, I am an events organiser, I am a peacemaker, (feel free to continue the list) ... so yes, I am doing enough.

## Stars of the week:

Reception - Jesse: Working really hard at home, especially with writing!

Year 1 - Olivier: joining in well and working hard in Literacy

Year 2 - Selena: Working hard in Literacy

Year 3 - Joshua: Excellent use of imagination and descriptive language in writing

Year 4 - Orla: Working hard in online sessions and creating beautiful pieces of art work in Burns Night

Year 5 - Poli: Has made a real effort in improving her mathematics

Year 6 - Noyus: Working hard exploring different use of language patterns and imagery in the 'Windrush Child' poem this week.

Well done all of you. Keep up the good work.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Gonzalez