

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL NORTHAMPTON



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Dear Parents,

This week started with heavy snow, which hopefully brought some excitement to your home. A much-needed distraction, I'm sure. The children in school had fun making snow men and it was wonderful seeing their inventiveness and sheer joy!

This week our Prime minister made the announcement that he hopes it will be safe to reopen schools in England from 8th March, if the Government's target to vaccinate everyone in the four most vulnerable groups by the 15th February is achieved. I am conscious of the impact this news will have on many of you, who are doing so tremendously with remote education, but finding things difficult nevertheless. Please rest assured that each family, in its own unique circumstances, will continue to have our ongoing support.

I am pleased with remote-learning engagement so far and we are continuing to review our remote learning offer to ensure it is the best we can offer for our children and families. Therefore, with this letter I am also sending out information about TEAMS, a Microsoft Office APP which will enable us to enhance our provision further, through live sessions. We are currently circulating individual pupil emails and passwords. Please look out for these. Your child's class teacher will distribute these via your Purple Mash log in. Once they have been circulated, your teacher will arrange a live "class check in" session. This will be an opportunity to come together virtually at the start of the day.

CBeebies and CBBC Programmes to support home learning

The BBC is bringing hundreds of educational resources together to help with home-schooling. CBBC will broadcast three hours of primary school programmes from 9am every weekday. They will include BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other much-loved shows with an educational twist, such as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories and more. This is something else to support you at home that is both fun and educational for the children.



Here is the link also, to their online resources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/curations/bitesize-on-cbeebies>



The RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

Big Schools' Birdwatch is back bring nature to you. Join thousands of people taking part to see the drama unfold on your doorstep. Taking

Part is easy. Spend an hour counting the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony, then tell us what you saw. It really is that simple!

Instructions

- ✓ Pick a time -You can choose any hour between 29 and 31 January. So whether you're an early bird or a night owl, you can still take part.
- ✓ Tell us what you see - Count the birds you see in your garden or from your balcony*. Ignore any birds that are still in flight. To avoid double-counting, just record the highest number of each bird species you see at any one time – not a running total.

**This year the advice is to take part in the safety of your own home. This could include a birdwatch from your window if you overlook a green space or courtyard.*

All the information links and resource sheets can be found on our website under Remote learning 2021- additional resources- RSPB Big Birdwatch

Have a good weekend and keep safe.

Kind Regards
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Executive Headteacher