



‘Joy to the world’

‘Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!’ Psalm 98:4

Celebrating together the richness and diversity of life throughout the world; global citizens within our community and beyond.

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This is not the start to 2021 that we were expecting or hoping for. However, as Disraeli stated, ‘There is no education like adversity.’ I know that in these first two weeks of the Spring Term, the level of learning for teachers, children and parents has been immense. We are all becoming digital experts, multi-tasking between TEAMS calls, documents and juggling jobs and tasks.

We have had approximately a third of our children attending school throughout the week; a combination of children with critical worker parents and vulnerable learners. Our staff are doing a wonderful job maintaining the learning and wide curriculum for those children and at the same time delivering remote learning and keeping in regular contact with all of those children who are at home.

It is certainly different this time round. As someone with children in Y11, 12 and 13 and with two more studying at university, I understand the difficulties in balancing work with my role as a parent. I also know the impact this has on our children in terms of emotional wellbeing that comes from limited social interaction and physical opportunities. With this in mind, it would be useful to receive some initial feedback on how things are going. Please follow this link for a very short survey:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe8qYSWoPw6rx6U_DQA6aYOySIG17efitEN1hEI1vQ78xvClw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Once again, these challenging circumstances have shown the strength and spirit of our school community. Knowing that devices to access remote learning are crucial, we have had a number of laptops kindly donated by our Foundation Governors. We are truly grateful and they have already been distributed and are being used. We have also been extremely fortunate in receiving a very generous donation from the Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson and an equally kind donation from the Balsall Parish Council. This is really appreciated and we have placed orders for a set of chromebooks, which should be with us by the middle of next week. We will get these out to people as soon as they arrive.

Tesco vouchers have been ordered for families in receipt of benefits related free school meals. We felt that considering our location, it did not make sense to have food parcels or

daily sandwiches made ready for collection. We believe that the Edenred system for FSM vouchers will be up and running for next week.

Kathy is well and asking after everyone. She has worked really hard in supporting us to access additional funding for devices. She has also continued to record her Thursday service for children to watch. It can be found by following this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3bB5e0X6-dbeEHJv0LGLQ>

We want to bring all of our children together each week so we will be arranging a TEAMS celebration assembly for next Friday. We will send details of how to join.

Many thanks for all of your support and kind words. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to further support you.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend and week ahead.

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