



Worship together

On Candlemas day, 2nd February, Christians celebrate the purification of the Virgin Mary 40 days after she gave birth to the immaculate conception, Jesus Christ. It is also an acknowledgment of the day Jesus was presented to God at the Temple of Jerusalem. Kathy has recorded a service on her You Tube channel about this:



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZVRvgw1GYjk>

Remote Learning Update

Following a frustrating wait because of national shortages and distribution issues, our Chromebooks have arrived and they will be distributed later today. They are set up so children can easily access TEAMS to join remote learning and live streaming. I have spoken with teachers and looked at our parent survey to see who requires them. If you have not received a device but think it would help your child to access remote learning more effectively, please contact the school office. Once again, I'd like to thank the Foundation of Lady Katherine Leveson, Balsall Parish Council and other donors for helping us to buy these devices.

A new webpage has been set up by Solihull Local Authority to provide information to parents about remote education in Solihull and to signpost them to other areas of support. You can access this by following this link: <https://www.solgrid.org.uk/education/remote-education-information-for-parents-and-carers/>

Safer Internet Day 2021



It seems appropriate to follow our remote learning update with news of Safer Internet Day 2021. It will be celebrated with the theme: An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world. This year in the UK, Safer Internet Day explores reliability online. The internet has an amazing range of information and opportunities online, but how do we separate fact from fiction? Safer Internet Day will be celebrated globally with the slogan: Together for a better internet. Follow the link for more information <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021> or look for more information on our school Twitter and Facebook pages. Teachers will be addressing this with children in school and remote learners on Tuesday 9th February.

LGBT+ History Month

We will be supporting LGBT+ History Month this February. Respect, equality and being an inclusive community is at the heart of all we do at Lady Katherine throughout the year. More information can be found by following this link: <https://lgbtplushistorymonth.co.uk/>

In addition, I have attached a document that explains how our Jigsaw, our PSHE scheme, teaches including and valuing ALL children and also what we teach about LGBTQ relationships?



Weather Warning

I'm sure you will have seen that we are expecting a significant change in the weather over the weekend and the start of next week. Yellow warnings are in place for snow and ice and temperatures are expected to plummet. We will monitor the forecasts and the conditions and let you know as soon as possible via School Comms, Twitter and Facebook if we need to close school or delay the opening. The local forecast looks like we might just miss the worst conditions but it is better to be prepared. Please take care on the roads leading to school.

Half Term

It's hard to believe that half term is almost upon us. We break up on Friday 12th February and return to school on Monday 22nd February. I hope that you enjoy a rest from remote learning. I am hoping that we will receive more information during this period about the wider opening of school.

Wonderful Work

I am so proud of everyone in our school community. Our children, both at school and at home, have been incredible and showed immense resilience. They have continued to produce a high quality of work, despite the challenges they have faced. Mrs Anderson has requested a special mention for Year 6. There has been a full house for morning registration and online engagement all week. In particular, Jake has been a star. The accuracy and presentation of his maths has been nothing short of exemplary. Yesterday, he completed the greater depth maths challenge on % and got full marks!

I'd also like to thank our fantastic teaching team. They have consistently impressed me with their positivity, ability to adapt and relentless effort. Finally, I'd like to extend a huge thank you to all of our parents and carers. Most of you never set out to be teachers but have done a tremendous job supporting your children for such a sustained period of time, both academically and emotionally. I'd also like to recognise everyone who has sent in kind messages to school and to individual teachers. Your words have done so much to keep us going and stay positive. We are very fortunate to work with such a caring community.

Thoughts and Prayers

We are aware that we have a number of people in our school family who are currently ill with Covid or have been affected by it recently. We are thinking about you all and you are in our prayers.

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

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