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## **Newsletter 10**

### **Dear Parents**

**Welcome** to term 3 and a slightly belated Happy New Year!

The events that sprung upon us this term have taken us in a course that we did not anticipate at this exact moment in time, although we had been planning to be prepared for the day that another school closure might be announced.

Thank you to everyone for your support so far. We are trying our best to give a balance of recorded videos, live learning and check-ins to not only introduce the day but also to contribute to the wellbeing of our children. This is obviously balanced with the need to provide staffing as well for the running of the keyworker and vulnerable groups in school.

Working from home, juggling children, technology and learning is not easy and we recognise that this is a challenge and we thank you for your engagement to date. We do not want any parents or children to get stressed by home learning so please just do what you can and do not feel guilty if everything is not fully completed! Teachers are on hand if you need further support, so please feel that you are able to contact them.

We are genuinely trying to make learning as effective as possible whilst making it easy to access. We have made a short questionnaire to hear any feedback that you would like to give which will help us to consider your views and hopefully improve what we can offer. The link for this is below:

Link for questionnaire [here](#)

Please do take a couple of minutes to complete it and I will be reviewing the results early next week

### **Other news**

As many of you will have heard, we have had to close all three of our keyworker and vulnerable bubbles this week. This was owing to a very small number of positive cases of covid. All bubbles have been risk assessed to operate fully within the guidance offered by the government. They are all much smaller than standard class sizes and all three bubbles have and will remain separate from each other. It has just been an unfortunate reflection of the current situation nationally. The bubbles will be re-opening to children on Tuesday 19th January. If you have already booked in with us, your booking will still remain. If there are any changes to this, please do let us know. Any lunch needs for the key worker and vulnerable groups will need to be booked via 'Select' by 5pm or earlier for the next day please.

### **Christmas**

A massive thank you from both the PTA and the school to everyone who contributed to our Christmas activities...the tree sale and the craft day. All donations are much appreciated and will allow the PTA to continue to help supporting the school.

**To finish...**

We will endeavour to keep you updated with news about schools as we are aware of it. At the moment, all we know is that schools will be closed until the February half term. As there are any further announcements, we will communicate this as quickly as we can.

In the absence of our Open the Book collective worship team, local Baptist Minister (and our chair of governors) John Miles has produced some recorded Open the Book materials if you would like to share these with your children. Here is the first link:

[OPEN THE BOOK LINK](#)

In the meantime, please keep yourselves safe, limit any contact with others and only undertake essential activities out of the home.

Have a good weekend,  
Nik Gardner