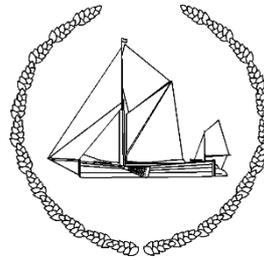


Rolph C of E Primary School and Nursery

Newsletter 15th January 2021



Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the recent rapid the changes due to the national lockdown, in school we have been settling into our “bubble” routines. Whilst Rolph remains open only for children of critical workers or for vulnerable children, we hope that those of you accessing remote education at home are also managing your own new way of learning. There has been a lot of positive feedback this week with regards to the remote education that Rolph has been providing, which is wonderful to hear. Remember we are here for you, please contact the class teacher, call or email if you need support. Many thanks for the support that you are giving to your children during this time.

Warm wishes for the weekend ahead,

Ms Bickersteth, Acting Headteacher

REMOTE EDUCATION

Our main digital platform for remote learning is Microsoft Education Teams. In the short time since we moved to remote education, whilst it has been necessary to be patient in some cases getting your login and access to Teams, by next week Teams will become a familiar part of all our lives. There will be regular contact with teachers via Teams, but Class Dojo is still in use as a way of communicating directly with the Class Teacher if you have specific queries.

Over the next few weeks, you will see that some of the videos that have been prepared for you to view, are only available by logging in to the Microsoft account that your child has set up using their Vine Trust email, as part of the security features set up for Vine Trust schools. When you click on the link to videos which are recorded on the Microsoft Stream app, you will automatically be asked to log in using your @dcvst.org account; this requires you to enter your child's account login and email address.

Telephone: 01255 861317

Email: admin.rolph@dcvst.org

Website: <https://rolphcofeprimary.co.uk>

ONLINE SAFETY

This week you have been sent an agreement which sets out key guidelines to follow when accessing all online resources and using digital platforms. It is essential that you and your children remain aware of how to stay safe online and there are some links to useful websites below. All children also have online safety and digital literacy included in their PSHE curriculum during remote learning.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Thinkuknow website has many useful resources to help you support online safety:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

Are you finding remote education difficult due to a lack of suitable digital devices? We are pleased to be able to start loaning laptops - the expected availability of these is from Tuesday next week. If you have already passed on your details, the school office will be contacting you to arrange collection.

Let the class teacher know of any difficulties you may be having due to lack of a suitable device, so that they can pass on the details. Where possible, a laptop will be loaned to families. However, we have a limited supply, so please do let us know of your needs as soon as possible.



WELLBEING RESOURCES



When you're feeling low or overwhelmed, it can be hard to know how to cope. But distracting yourself or doing something positive can really help. Even doing just one positive thing every day can help to improve your mood. Not sure what you want to do today? Use our tool to help.

<https://www.childline.org.uk/toolbox/coping-kit/>



God of compassion,

be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.

In their loneliness, be their consolation;
in their anxiety, be their hope;
in their darkness, be their light;
through him who suffered alone on the cross,
but reigns with you in glory,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

REMINDERS

If your child is ill or if you discover, on the morning they are due to attend, that provision is no longer required, please report this to the school office in the normal way.

School dinners can be booked for those attending school via SchoolMoney. Each week's dinners will be available to book from the previous Wednesday. There may be slight changes to the menu each week, so please check the options available for each day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

15th - Closing date for Reception places for September 2021

27th - Holocaust Memorial Day

February

15th - 19th - Half Term

March

4th - World Book Day