



Chapel Chat

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Dear Parents/Carers,

How strange that Issue 99 of Chapel Chat should be last one of 2020!

I know a lot of us are currently taking time to reflect on the past year and indeed many will not be sad to see the back of 2020 due to the huge challenges we have all faced. However, rather than dwelling on what we have been through (very little of it our own fault) I would prefer to recognise we have, together, as a school community of staff, parents and most importantly children shown there is very little we cannot overcome. I for one am full of pride for the huge efforts and at times sacrifices we have all made. When we are challenged in the future we can all look back with a huge sense of achievement with how we have coped over the last few months.

I am hugely grateful to the whole of the staff team for their hard work, thought and compassion over the whole of 2020. The children, parents and myself are very lucky to have such dedicated professionals 'on our side'.

Christmas will be different this year for most of us but I would like to wish everyone a very safe, happy and merry festive period. We all look forward to seeing everyone again in January.

With my thanks and very best wishes,

Graham Almond - proud Headteacher



Start of Term 3

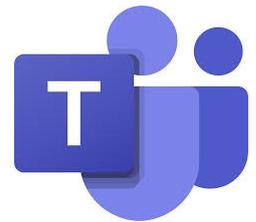
Monday 4th January 2021

From 8.45am



Remote Learning

If we are informed to close a class due to a potential COVID-19 exposure all learning will take place remotely on Microsoft Teams with everyone (including staff) working from home. If individual children are self isolating at home we will make sure there is provision for remote learning in place whilst understanding our class teachers are still in school teaching. We will also make arrangements for a School Meal Box for any children eligible for Free School Meals who are isolating due to potential exposure to a positive close contact or a positive test result.



A parents guide to being social online

Thinkuknow has a guide for parents which looks at how they can support child safety online by focusing on the key areas: viewing, sharing, chatting and friending. Follow the QR code to take a look.



COVID-19 Holiday arrangements

The Department for Education have asked us to be the point of contact should any children or staff return a positive COVID-19 test up until 23rd December 2020, six days after our last day of school. In order for us to keep the school community updated with any potential need to self-isolate we ask that parents and carers contact the school through our COVID email address: Covid19@chapel-cit.co.uk to inform us if any children test positive during the holidays. This email address will be monitored regularly and information will be sent via text, eschools app and email to notify any families if they need to isolate should they have been deemed a 'close contact'.