

CANON POPHAM CofE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

First I would like to pass thanks from all our staff team to all of those parents and carers who are working so hard at home to keep children learning and zooming. We appreciate that this is a challenging task, and increasingly so as the weeks go on. You are all doing an amazing job so THANK YOU!

We hope that you found your first feedback email useful. Look out for a Tuesday email each week.

Well-being Friday

We appreciate that for many people this half term has been challenging and we want to support the mental health and well-being of all our children and parents at this time. Therefore, we hope that you will look forward to our Well Being Friday, which will take place next Friday, which is the last day of this half term.

We will be relaxing the requirement for children to access all their zoom sessions on this day, and all of the sessions that we run will be focused on fun, well-being activities that we hope children will enjoy.

Next Friday- 12th February, we will be asking that children access at least one of the zoom sessions on offer. They can access all of them if they chose to, but should access at least one.

The first session on this date will be a fun session- children can join their class where there will be fun, age appropriate activities to join in with.

The second session on this date will be an opportunity for children to join the session, bringing a drink and biscuit/ snack with them (the children in school provision will also be given a drink and biscuit at this time). All the children will be asked to bring to the session something that makes them happy, to show and share with their friends.

The third session will be our celebration of the class learning and achievements for this half term.

There will be no zoom sessions after lunchtime next Friday. This will be an afternoon for children to have the opportunity to do something that they enjoy and is good for their well-being. This may be about sharing family time, going out for a walk or some exercise or playing a game. The children in school will also be having some free time in school that afternoon.

We hope that everyone will engage in at least one session, but that this will give children time to relax and focus on their well-being as well as creating a day that is more relaxed, with limited zoom and a free afternoon to reduce the pressure on parents who are home learning. We hope it will be good for your well-being too!

SeeSaw

When you return your current work pack and collect the new one from school next Thursday (from the usual place between 11:30 and 3:30) you will find detailed information about Seesaw along with your child's personal QR code included in the pack. We ask that over half term you set up your SeeSaw app ready for work sharing after half term. We will also be emailing you a 'how to set up' video to help. It is really simple!



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Twitter

We are delighted to say that our Twitter account is now up and ready to go. Please search on @Canon Popham C of E and have a look at what we have been up to. We hope you will enjoy following us.

A gentle reminder about Zoom

Please could we remind you that we ask the following when children are accessing zoom.

- No food or drink please – sessions are focused and time limited and we ask that children have meals and snacks between sessions. We find that if they are eating and drinking in zoom sessions their focus in the teaching session tends to be less good.
- Please try to ensure that children are sitting on a chair and not swinging round/ laid down etc. Where children are sitting appropriately their focus is better, so please remind them about this.

Thank you!

Thanks to all those parents and carers who have completed the questionnaire regarding remote learning and how we are doing. If you haven't yet completed it please could you do so by Monday 8th February? We welcome your constructive feedback and do our best to offer a remote package that works for you. Your feedback will help us to review and refine our provision going forward.

Once again, thanks for all you are doing to support your children's learning, whether at home or in school. We hope you will look forward to next Friday and our Well-being day.

Mrs Navas



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