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## Headteacher's Newsletter – 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021

I am writing to you now that we know the earliest that all children will be able to return to school is 8<sup>th</sup> March. This means that we have at least 4 more school weeks of working in our newly established way with a lock down half term part way through.

Just to remind you again that we really do not have any advance notice of anything that the government says about schools and so we all just have to wait for the next government announcement.

As I think we have all said so many times “we are all in this together” but I know that these ways of working are exhausting for us all – children, parents and staff.

### **Remote Learning Sessions for children at home**

Until Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March (at least) we will continue to provide the daily remote live teaching sessions plus the screen free ideas for Thursday afternoons when there are no remote teaching sessions.

Class teachers provide follow up activities for the remote teaching via Google Classroom but please do not worry if you cannot get your child to complete this. It is of course, very beneficial to your child if she/he does complete the follow up activities and the other reading and maths programmes set, but we are well aware that many of you are trying to juggle your own work alongside the home learning too.

For us, the most important part, is getting your child to be online for the teaching sessions. If you're working from home, your child doesn't really need you to do anything during these sessions and so if you have headphones for your child and you can still see him/her that might give you a bit of time to get on with what you need to do!

### **Reading**

Due to the pandemic we have not, been able to loan any books for the children to read. We have now bought into Bug Club so that your child can practice his/her phonics by reading ebooks online. These are available for children attending school in person, or remotely, so if you haven't got your child's login and would like it, please contact their classteacher. If your child is in Year 2 and is a fluent able reader, these ebooks will not support the stage that they are at and we are still trying to find a solution for these children.

### **Friends of St Paul's**

The Friends of St Paul's Annual General meeting (AGM) had to be postponed and is on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 8pm via zoom so please do join us here -

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