



St Bernadette Catholic Primary School



Dear parents,

I hope this letter finds you well and you are taking advantage of the well-being activities set this week for the children. We have decided that in order for us to support both you and your children further at home, where age appropriate, we need to encourage the children at home to be more independent when completing their remote learning activities. Any parents we have spoken to that are finding the remote learning a struggle have all been sitting with their child supporting the whole time. Very few children at our school would receive 1:1 support in the school day to complete their daily class work as they simply do not need that level of support and therefore should not need that level at home but are more than likely leaning on it because its available. The teachers offer an extended time on line for the children to stay on and ask further questions to ensure understanding and of course, they can send the teachers questions if they have any. The KS2 children are very confident using the google meets and can therefore access the work they need and turn it in to the teacher once completed.

With this in mind, we are starting a weekly competition across the school called 'Fun Friday'. The idea is that the children in each class work as independently as possible to complete their work. The work they submit should be to the same standard they would on an average school day and they should engage well on the google meets in the morning. Miss Howard and myself will look through the work from each class the following Monday and decide which class we think has worked independently and to a good standard and award them with a 'Fun Friday', that week. We will announce the winning class that Monday afternoon on a recording on your class pages. That Friday, the winning class will be given a 'Fun Friday' pass. This means that the teacher will meet the children on google met and set them some fun activities for the morning and then they start the weekend early with an afternoon off! That means a Friday off for you also parents! Those children from the winning class who are in school will also be given the opportunities to take part in the fun activities in both the morning and afternoon.

We look forward to seeing all the wonderful work the children continue to produce next week.

Best Wishes

Mrs Lavelle-Murphy & Miss Howard