



Dolton Church of England Primary School

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'Together we nurture, love and learn whilst aspiring for excellence.'

Friday 6th November 2020,

Dear Parents/ carers,

Key dates for the diary:

- Wednesday 18th November at 1.30pm – virtual character education workshop for parents (more information to follow)
- Thursday 26th November at 1.30pm – Virtual Oracy workshop for parents.
- Wednesday 2nd December – flu immunisations in school.
- Friday 11th December – national Christmas Jumper day.
- Friday 18th December – virtual Christingle and Christmas dinner day.

Firstly, I would like to thank all parents for responding to the communications questionnaire as this has helped frame our communication plans moving forward. The comments were really positive which is always wonderful to hear. The main headlines are below:

- 82% felt well informed by the school, 10% were neutral and 8% disagreed.
- 94% of parents felt they were well informed about their child's learning.
- 94% of parents felt they could approach the class teachers if they have a concern.
- 88% of parents preferred being contacted by email.
- Going forward as a school we will continue to work on communication with you by giving more notice for events, reformatting newsletters so there are more photos and key dates and information stands out. We will also film any virtual sessions in the future.
- We also noticed that only 50% of you access the website and we would be interested to know why. The communications and marketing for the MAT is now part of the central team and websites are constantly updated but as ever, your thoughts are valued. Please have a look below.

www.clintonanddolton.org

www.alumnismat.org

- Please remember you also have class emails direct to teachers:

tigers@alumnismat.org

lions@alumnismat.org

National lockdown and schools.

National lockdown began yesterday for a month, although this does not affect school opening. Full guidance was released from the government on Wednesday evening however there are no immediate changes to what schools should be doing which in turn means our COVID Risk Assessments haven't changed. We are still expected to keep windows open within school to aid ventilation and prevent the spread of COVID. As the months turn colder windows will not be left wide open but they will be ajar, we ask all parents to ensure their children have layers under their main school jumpers and t shirts and remind all that hoodies should only be worn on PE days.

IXL and home learning.

In the past the school has signed up to IXL as a way of bridging learning between home and school and this year we have signed up to the platform again. Over the next few days you will receive an email with your child's username and password to this learning platform that you can access as an app on an iPad or a computer. Each week your child's class teacher will identify some activities on the platform that your child can complete at home and this will also act as an aid if classes need to isolate and work from home at any point. You will find the activities highlighted for your child under their year group and in maths and English sections. This will start happening next week for you.


Character Education

Mrs. Lyndsey Bolton has spent the last 7 weeks creating a character approach for both Clinton and Dolton Schools which we are excited to be sharing with you over coming weeks with a prospectus and a virtual launch workshop. Until then we are gathering information from staff, pupils and parents to enable us to understand what people know about character education in the first instance – please look out for another questionnaire over the next few days about this.

As we embark on this next lock down please remember that we are always on the end of the phone or email.

Stay safe everyone,

Kind regards,

 Mrs. Rachael Sharpe