



TEMPLE EWELL CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

TERM THREE NO.2

WEDNESDAY 27TH JANUARY 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Well done to all our children, parents and families for doing so well with their remote learning this term. It is fantastic to see so many of our children participating in the zoom sessions each week and sending their work to their teachers for feedback each day. It is not easy learning from home in this way, but you are all doing a fantastic job!

Some of our families have commented that they are finding it difficult to complete all the work set each day. Every child works at a different pace and although some may finish all the activities each day, others will only be able to complete some of the work set, and this can also vary from day to day as well. Please do not worry too much about this though, and please just encourage your child to complete the amount of work that your child is able to do. Please do remember that in school children naturally learn best in small chunks with plenty of brain breaks in between; so please do try to do something similar at home. Formal learning can be easily alternated with physical activities and exercise too. Mr L has planned some sports and fitness activities for our junior children to complete at home if you wish as well.

Some of our children have also been linking virtually with a few of their class mates each day to provide them with some social interaction and also to complete some of their learning together. This seems to have been a very positive experience for the children involved, so you may wish to try this with your children too (this will need to be organised informally with other families, rather than through the school).

I know that the current lockdown is affecting the mental health and well-being of many of our children and families. If you feel you need some specific support, please do speak to your child's teacher or contact Mrs Wallace at senco@temple-ewell.kent.sch.uk. The following link also has some useful tips for helping your child during this time;

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/av/education-55620288>

Thank you for all your many positive messages of support regarding our remote education provision this term. Our teachers and support staff continue to work hard to ensure all of our children are supported in their learning, whether they are at home or in school. However, we will be reviewing our remote learning provision this week, after our initial two week trial, and I will contact parents with any planned changes by this Friday.

The teachers will be continuing to contact all our parents during the week to check how your child is getting on with their learning and to offer any support if needed. Please do ask if you are unsure of anything or need any further help. Teachers can be contacted during the school day via their class email to answer any queries you may have.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,
Angela Matthews
Headteacher



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OUR CHRISTIAN SCHOOL VISION AND VALUES

Forgiveness

Acceptance

Inspiration

Trust

Hope

*Faith in God,
ourselves and each other.*

**Breakfast Club
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"I can do all things through Him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

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All future dates for your diary are awaiting confirmation.

New dates are shown in **bold** type.



Academic Year 2020/2021 Dates

Term 3	Tuesday 5th January - Friday 12th February 2021
Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February 2021
Term 4	Monday 22nd February - Wednesday 31st March 2021
Inset Day	Thursday 1st April 2021
Easter Holiday	Friday 2nd April - Friday 16th April 2021
Term 5	Monday 19th April - Friday 28th May 2021
Half Term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4th June 2021
Term 6	Monday 7th June 2021 - Tuesday 20th July 2021
Inset Day	Wednesday 21st July 2021
Summer Holidays	Thursday 22nd July - Tuesday 31st August 2021
Inset Day	Wednesday 1st September 2021
Inset Day	Thursday 2nd September 2021
Term 1	Friday 3rd September - Friday 22nd October 2021
Half Term	Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October 2021
Term 2	Monday 1st November - Friday 17th December 2021
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20th December - Monday 3rd January 2021
Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January 2022
Term 3	Wednesday 5th January - Friday 11th February 2022
Half Term	Monday 14th February– Friday 18th February 2022
Term 4	Monday 21st February - Friday 1st April 2022
Easter Holiday	Monday 4th April - Monday 18th April 2022
Term 5	Tuesday 19th April - Friday 27th May 2022
Half Term	Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June 2022
Inset Day	Monday 6th June 2022
Term 6	Tuesday 7th June - Thursday 21st July 2022
Inset Day	Friday 22nd July 2022

Online Learning

With online sessions now firmly established across the school, there are a couple of points to please note:

Children should still have an adult present with them during the meeting.
Children should be in a suitable place in their house and suitably clothed.
Children should enter the meeting and mute themselves. They must wait for instructions from the staff member conducting the meeting for when they can unmute and speak.

Sometimes background noise can cause feedback issues, taking part in a meeting in a quiet space will help prevent sound problems.

If you are finding there are connection issues

With your internet:

- Turn off your camera, this will reduce the bandwidth you are using and will help stabilise your connection.
- If you are using Wi-Fi, it might help to disconnect some other devices from your home network. This is because the internet is being shared between them.
- If you are using Wi-Fi, consider the signal strength within your house. Connections generally are strongest when they are near the router. Cabled connections are usually the most stable.
- Sometimes you may find your own audio devices could be experiencing problems, try turning your headphones or speakers up to check they are working.

If you find you cannot get onto Zoom

You could email the class email address and let a staff member know there is a possible problem.

You could check whether the Zoom platform is working properly by visiting:

<https://status.zoom.us/>

You can double check your internet connection is stable. Try refreshing the page a couple of times.

Try joining the meeting 10-15 minutes before it is due to start, occasionally an incorrect or error message might be displayed before this time.

Please remember to be patient with the adults conducting the Zoom sessions, not only are they trying to give your child the best online experience, but they are also having to moderate and safeguard all members of the meeting.