

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

We are in the final week of half term; three more wake ups to go!

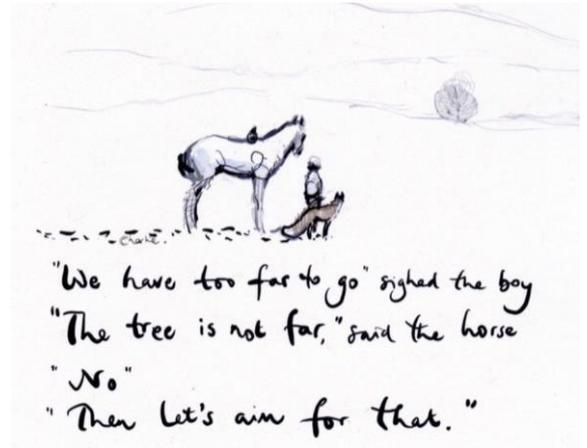
Let us reflect on this half term; a half term in lockdown; a half term where we have all had to adapt again. We have used Google Classroom to deliver remote learning for our families at home and in school providing daily contact with home through the private message function, joined together each week for assembly, joined class catch up sessions, introduced lateral flow testing for staff, facilitated laptop loans, prepared printed learning packs for families, and ordered free school meal vouchers for our eligible families!

What a half term! A heartfelt thank you from me to our wonderful school community...to our children at home and in school, our critical working parents, our teaching parents at home, our staff team and our Governors. We could not do any of the above without the togetherness of our beautiful community; we are truly blessed.

On Friday we finish for half term and school will be closed for a well-earned rest for our community! **During the half term school still has a responsibility to track COVID-19 cases and inform parents if there is a need to isolate.** Our admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk email account is monitored in the evening, at weekends and over the holidays. This is the email address you must use to inform school of a positive test result. Please note that for this holiday period we have been asked directly by Hertfordshire County Council to monitor our admin@clitherow.herts.sch.uk account over the half term holiday to ensure that we are able to quickly identify those that need to self-isolate.

If you or your child show any of the symptoms of COVID-19 – a high temperature (37.8 or more) or a new continuous cough or a change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia), you must not come into school and follow Government guidelines regarding testing and isolation. Testing is available and anyone (staff and children) showing signs or symptoms will be expected to be tested. If anyone in your household shows COVID-19 systems, the whole household must isolate until the results are back.

Please do not forget that you can join our Mental Health and Well-being Google Classroom page to support parents and children during lockdown. To access the classroom, click on the + symbol at the top right-hand corner of your child's Google Classroom page and write the code b47x7kd. I would really encourage you to access this classroom as there are many useful links and activities available. You will have access to your child's usual classroom as well as this one. If there is anything else you would like us to add to this page, please do let us know.



Jesus lives in us, our families, our school, our Church, our world. Jesus is our guide, let us follow Him
At St Margaret Clitherow School we are committed to Safeguarding Children

Please be reminded that school has access to laptops and iPads that we can lend to families if necessary. If your home situation has changed and you need financial support, please contact the school as we may be able to help you. We can also apply for internet access support for families via Government schemes or through support from companies such as Tesco Mobile and other broadband suppliers. We can also apply for an increase in data allowances if you do not have a fixed broadband connection.

Can I please remind our critical worker families that if you are at home due to a scheduled day off, you MUST keep your child/children at home with you. Also, even if you are a critical worker, your child/children should be kept at home if there is another adult at home to care for them. You should only bring your child into school when there is no other possible alternative. We need to work together to reduce the number of children that we have in school each day. Please continue to notify the school if your critical worker child will not be in school.

Do not forget to keep in contact with the school and email in photos of the children doing their activities so we can tweet and share them with the rest of the school community.

Please remember that we may be 'closed' to many of our children, but we are still here for all our families. If you need support or someone to talk to, we are here! Just pick up the phone!

Please stay safe and continue to keep the school community in your prayers.

Have a restful half term break...you have certainly earned it!

Yours sincerely



Miss Puccio
Headteacher

