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A Message from Mrs Matthews

Over the last week, I have become increasingly frustrated at the media rhetoric of how children in our country are "falling behind". Since my return to St Paul's after a period of absence earlier in the term, all of the evidence I have gathered proves that at St Paul's, this is far from being the case. At the end of what has been another unusual but incredible half term, I am humbled by the amazing efforts you have continued to make to support your children while they learn from home and by the continued motivation by our children to keep on learning in such challenging circumstances.

Instead of viewing this lockdown as a curse, we must alternatively think of it as a blessing; as a window of opportunity to learn and develop from a new experience. Rather than planning for how our children are going to "catch up" on a return to school, the staff have spent the last few weeks talking about how to bring the strengths that we have seen during remote learning in both teaching practices and the children's learning behaviours back in to the classrooms: the use of IT to support learning, the way that our children are self-motivated and taking responsibility for their own learning, the use of different teaching and learning styles and most importantly, your involvement in helping our children learn.

On the 22nd February, the Prime Minister will outline his roadmap for the easing of lockdown, including detail about when and how schools will reopen. I will write to you in the first week after half term with details of what this will look like for St Paul's.

A HUGE thank you to all of our pupils, parents, staff and governors for the immense effort that you have made through the last six weeks. Have a safe and peaceful half term break.

Mrs Matthews

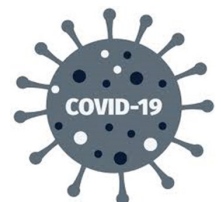
'A mind that is stretched by a new experience can never go back to its old dimensions' – Oliver Wendell Holmes

For parents with children in school only:

Please remember if you have a positive Covid-19 test result in your household over half term we need to know immediately.

We also need to know if anyone in your household has been in close contact with anyone who has recently tested positive for Covid-19.

Please text us as soon as possible on **07748 284407**.



STARS OF THE WEEK!

For week ending 5th February

Phase 1 Earth	Maureen, for working hard in all lessons and handing in all tasks that have been set
Phase 1 Water	Gabriel, for participating fully in all lessons and completing all the assignments
Phase 2 Air	Yves, for working hard, challenging ideas and using his initiative to ask questions
Phase 2 Earth	Henoc, for independent working, and always being positive and cheerful
Phase 2 Water	Tatiana, for trying really hard in online lessons and doing lots of work at home Rioco, for a brilliant video on this week's theme
Phase 3 Earth	Victoria, for her amazingly creative project work
Phase 3 Water	Janet, for consistently high levels of engagement and outstanding creative work
Mrs Chambers	Paris, for making wonderful progress in Maths, demonstrating excellent reasoning skills
Mrs Brindley	Suzanna, for an excellent attitude to work and being a super team player
Mr Gill/Mrs Potts /Mrs White	Reneice, for working independently, being organised and working really hard

For week ending 12th February

Phase 1 Earth	Rusti, for participating well and completing assignments on time
Phase 1 Water	Alexia, for participating well during group lessons, and growing in confidence on screen
Phase 2 Air	A'vaya, for much improved engagement with remote learning and enthusiasm in live lessons
Phase 2 Earth	Raffy, for a brilliant and creative attitude towards on-line learning.
Phase 2 Water	Walter, for showing a positive attitude towards on line learning
Phase 3 Earth	Jadon, for great commitment to everything he does
Phase 3 Water	Mya, for taking part in everything, and doing it with a big smile too
Mrs Chambers	Archie R, for consistently working hard to apply his phonics in all his work
Mrs Brindley	Neneh, for a considerate and thoughtful approach to all her learning
Mr Gill/Mrs Potts /Mrs White	Olivia, for settling to her work really well, and completing it independently

Well done everyone - keep up the good work!

