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Dear Parents and Carers

I am sorry to be writing to you in yet another lockdown and with no clear indication when this will end. I had hoped that by now there may be clarity about what the position would be for after the February half term break, but unfortunately this is not the case. To that end we are planning for the worst, while hoping for the best.

May I start by saying thank you to all our parents who are working hard to keep their children at home where they can, helping protect our staff as much as is possible. Our thoughts also to all our key workers, some of whom do not have the luxury of choosing to home educate their children, as they are needed on their front-line jobs. We really appreciate all your efforts however you are having to deal with this pandemic.

Formats for our planning and teaching are now in place and teachers have got into a daily rhythm of teaching delivery, review and feedback and live contact. Pupil are now following the same planned work, whether they are children of key workers in school or home-schooled pupils. You will find work uploaded on Seesaw daily – 3 hours for Early Years and Key Stage 1 and 4 hours for Key Stage 2 as directed by the DfE. As I have reiterated before, if you are struggling with your child's focus and concentration, try exercise and frequent planned brain breaks where you get up and move. Little and often is the key to fixing learning into memory, so a focused 15/20 minute session is better than a laboured hour.

Please upload your child work onto Seesaw for class teachers to see. Teachers will feedback with comments posted online. This uploaded work is one of the tools staff will use to assess how your child is doing and what to plan next for them. Many of you have also worked out how to post videos on the platform. These are great for us to use for assessment too. Getting your child to record a short clip of them reading is motivational for them and useful for the teacher.

Staff are leading daily Teams meetings so that the whole class can keep in contact, as well as using these sessions for teaching. Please do your best to join these sessions, as these form a vital link for home-schooled pupils. You will also find video clips on Seesaw e.g. of staff reading stories, to create further 'face to face' catchups.

Staff are happy for you to contact them via email, but please be aware that due to teaching and planning commitments it may be at least 24 hrs before you get a reply. I have directed staff not to look at emails after hours, so that they maintain a work life balance and get a break before their next teaching commitments. If you have an urgent query, please contact the school via the school office rather than via teacher emails.

Best wishes to all our families. Keep safe and well.

Kim Stokes

Executive Headteacher





**MORETON SAY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
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# NEWSLETTER



### Christian Value for January: Friendship

Having fun, playing and sharing; caring about each other and showing it; helping and supporting each other.



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### Message from the Head:

Dear Parents, I am so sorry to be writing to you again in another lockdown. We hope that those of you who are home schooling, have settled into a daily pattern and are coping; and those who are key workers are managing the stresses of undertaking your key worker roles in this pandemic. Our thoughts and prayers are with you each day, as we strive to do our jobs to support you in the best ways we can. As you know there is no key indication yet when children may return to school, but we are all hoping it may be soon. January has been an extremely difficult month in school with staff absences and snow adding to the challenges.

You should now all be in regular contact with your child's class teacher, through a combination of daily Teams meetings between your child and their teacher, fortnightly check-up phone calls, email or Teams meetings between parent and class teacher and daily feedback for your child on Seesaw following their work uploads.

If your child has Special Educational Needs your child's teacher will be making further contact to review SEN targets before half term, and to offer additional support packs for learning.

If you have any worries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or via teacher email addresses given out earlier in the term. Thank you also to parents for your continued support. Keep safe.

**Mrs Stokes**

### Class 1

Children have been doing lots of lovely work based on their topic, 'Around the World, People, Animals and Saving the Planet'. The nursery children have been looking at Chinese New Year celebrations and have made Chinese lanterns. Reception have been focusing on two stories, 'Paddington Bear' and 'The Rainbow Fish'. Children have been discussing friendship based on, 'The Rainbow Fish' story and have made friendship bracelets. Reception children have been writing facts about Paddington Bear and about where he lives in Peru. They have also been working on number formations, capacity and length. Children have made potions and have enjoyed pouring liquids into different containers.

### Class 2

Class 2 have enjoyed embarking on their latest topic, 'Explorers'. They have been finding out about famous

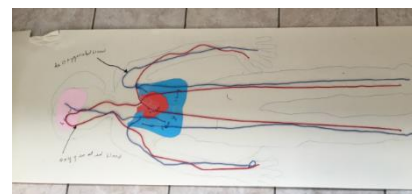
explorers such as Christopher Columbus and Neil Armstrong and have begun designing a vehicle suitable for one of their expeditions. Home learners are having to think carefully about what materials they might be able to gather to build their creations. Learners in school have been spending lots of time outdoors and have enjoyed making maps, learning about the points on a compass and taking part in some tracking activities. Our learners at home and in school are looking forward to taking part in the 'Big Bird Watch' for the RSPB. Class 2 are enjoying daily Teams meetings with each other, so that they can all stay in touch and discuss the day's work.

### Class 3

Class 3, have started their topic on, 'Rocks'. There are lots of videos and animations online which help this topic come alive. It has been fun for children to get out and about, where lockdown permits, to find rocks in the environment. As with the other classes, Class 3 have had regular catchups live with their teacher online. It is great to see friends over the internet.

### Class 4

The children in Class 4, have been busy both at home and school learning about those scientists



who have had an impact on the world of medicine and have created some wonderful fact files on Edward Jenner, who helped carve the way in the invention of vaccinations. They have also been learning about the heart and the circulatory system and have been very creative in showing how the heart works- from life sized diagrams, to working models of the heart and the four main chambers! They have all worked wonderfully hard and home learners have risen to the challenge of remote learning really well – see photo! Who knew that this is what we would be using the kitchen floor for!!

### Sports News

Our usual timetable in school is for the children to do the 'Daily Mile' each day, usually first thing in the morning. This is 15 minutes of exercise – running/jogging – to get the body and mind woken up. We would highly recommend this as a strategy for your home learning. Scientific research has shown that exercise aids concentration, so it is a good thing to do before settling down to school work.



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