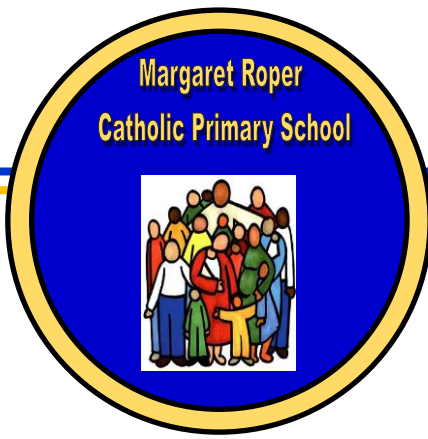


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Monday 11th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Apologies for not sending a letter on Friday – we will do our best to ensure that letters are sent very frequently to ensure you have best and most up-to-date information. We hope you all had the best Christmas you could in the circumstances and would like to wish you all a happy new year.

We began the spring term in a national lockdown. As you can see from the media, events are developing very rapidly and the government is responding to the significant increase in Covid-19 transmission with changes to life overall on a daily basis. We wish to thank you all for your patience, support and kindness. These are qualities that are shown time and time again in our community and demonstrate how special our Margaret Roper community is.

To our children who are learning from home, please remember to behave well for your parents and try your hardest with your learning. Your parents are having to juggle many different roles at home; be gentle with them and give them plenty of hugs. Embrace the opportunities of learning in other ways too - so many of you came back after the last lockdown having learned new skills or having tried new experiences, where possible do this again. We are so proud of you.

Our staff will be taking turns working face-to-face with the children of critical workers. They will also be setting work for remote learning. Part of our learning will be the daily zoom lessons in the morning with the rest of the work set through online tasks. We are fortunate to have an amazing staff who are doing an exceptional job in difficult circumstances. Please bear with us and know we are trying our hardest to give all of our children the best education that we can offer in these difficult and trying circumstances. We would like to thank all our staff for everything they are doing.

Parents of critical workers – it is so important for the safety of our staff and their families, and you and your families – that you only send your child into school if you have no other option. If you are working from home then the recommendation from government is that, wherever possible, your child/ren should be at home with you.

Miss Middleton is working remotely for much of the time; so the best way to get in contact with the office with a message is to email. Emails are continuously monitored and you should get a speedy response.

We want to evaluate how we are doing and how well we are meeting the needs of our children and families. To this end, we will be asking you this week to comment on how you are finding the distanced learning on offer and reviewing what we provide to tailor as well as we can. A short survey will be issued later in the week.

Caring, Learning and Achieving together as part of God's Family

It is also our intention to run a short assembly each morning to meet together as a community in prayer. We think that's very important and encourage you to assist your children in attending each day at 9am. The link to assembly is posted up in each classes' online classroom.

SENCO

Please contact our SENCO Mrs. Callaghan if you would like any advice or help

senco@margaretroper.croydon.sch.uk

Mrs. Callaghan is contacting families of pupils with SEN to check on how well they are coping with distanced learning and if you have any queries, feel free to email her.

Stars of the week from Friday 8th January

Every single one of you are stars in our eyes for the way you have adapted to home learning.

	Names
Red	Rosie and Luca
Orange	Olive and Meghan
Yellow	Advit and Jack
Green	Seb and Rose
Blue	Mia C and Valentina
Indigo	All of you
Amethyst	Riley and Tianna
Violet	Oscar and Jack

We will be in touch again later in the week

God Bless,

Mr. Mooney and Miss Holloway