



Bussage C. of E. (Aided) Primary School
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Dear Parents,

We have now reached the end of a very long and very different term here at Bussage as we have adapted to a new way of working. The main aim is to strike a balance of keeping everyone in school safe as well as keeping the school open. We have achieved this thanks to the hard work and dedication of all of the staff here in school, massive amounts of support and consideration from you as parents and the resilience and brilliance of all of our children.

Well done one and all. Time for a week of rest!

Children in Need: This year we will be supporting Children in Need on **Friday November 13th**. More information will follow regarding this event after half-term.

Remote Learning: You may have read recently that schools now have an obligation to have a core Remote Learning Offer for their parents. We have now set up Google Classrooms for every child in the school. More information will be coming to you after half term. We have the infrastructure and staff have received training. We will be rolling this feature out in the coming weeks but we are ready to operate remote learning across the school, at short notice, should the need arise.

Parent Evenings: Thank you so much for your patience and understanding as we trialled the virtual parent evenings this week. Clearly, we would all much rather meet you face to face. I am sure you all appreciate that weighing up the safety of everyone connected to school is my first concern and something we all take every seriously here at Bussage.

Tours of the school: Speaking of safety, we are not planning to conduct tours of our school at the present time. This was agreed with the Local Authority and Gloucestershire Association of Primary Heads (GAPH). We have however, produced a short film which captures the essence of our school and I shall be providing 'zoom' question and answer sessions for prospective parents. If you know of any parents in the locality beginning to look for places, I would be grateful to you if you could relay this information and get them to contact the school office.

Kind regards

A Ferguson
Head Teacher

