



## **NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 12<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2021**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

And so we have reached the end of a really difficult half term. On behalf of the staff I would like to thank you for your commitment towards keeping the home learning going and for the many positive comments that you have made on the questionnaires that have been sent out. As a school we recognise the incredible pressures that families are being placed under and ask that you do not hesitate to get in touch with us if there is anything that you think that we might be able to do to help. As a head teacher who has earned the grizzled grey hairs the hard way - how I long to sit in the barber's chair - can I urge you to take with a pinch of salt the alarmist reports in the media of pupils falling behind. The most important thing at this time is to make sure that our children are happy and engaged and ready to learn in school when that time arrives. Of course, if you are able to keep clear routines, make sure that they are reading regularly and engaging with the teacher then this is great, but it is most important that we emerge from this time as undamaged as possible. Parenting is a difficult job at the best of times and you all have my utmost admiration for the way that you are managing to juggle all of the different commitments.

The Prime Minister will be making an announcement on the next steps for schools on 22nd February, so I will let you know of our plans as soon as we know what we are dealing with. However, yesterday the DfE announced that it was discouraging local authorities from using schools as polling stations on 6th May. It is therefore likely that we will be able to open to the children that day in whatever shape "normal" is at that time. Please try to have a restful half term and enjoy a week away from home learning. Let's hope that the weather is lovely and that everyone can spend some time outdoors.

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### **UNIFORM**

We have a good stock of uniform if you need to order any. Please order on the School Money app and we will contact you to arrange a collection time.

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### **HOUSE CHALLENGE**

Don't forget to check out the school website for the latest House Challenge – the Ascension Baking Challenge!!

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## H.S.A SCHOOL LOTTERY

Our school lottery goes live on the 27th February. If you haven't already got yourself a ticket/tickets and want to, please log on to the website, search ascension and register for your ticket/s. Anyone can buy tickets so please pass this on to your family and friends.



**Sweep The Floors With This Prize!**



**WIN**

**Landxcape Robotic Lawnmower**

**+**

**Eufy BoostIQ RoboVac Cleaner**

- Support your school this term
- Weekly cash prizes up to £25,000
- Ticket cost just £1 a week
- Help boost school funds when we need it most

To start supporting your school, go to:

**YourSchoolLottery.co.uk**

and search for: Church of the Ascension C of E Primary School

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 20<sup>th</sup> Feb. Terms and conditions apply (see website for details).