



In addition to this, there have been shared Acts of Worship and opportunities for them to video conference with other classes. Last week we held our first virtual School Trust gymnastics festival. Our specialist PE teachers got classes together to take part in a festival and children performed 'live' so that each school could share their skills and enjoy learning together! Great fun was had by all!

I wanted to thank you for supporting Census Day. Every school had overwhelming support from you, resulting in schools getting maximum funding for our children. This is because it based on the number of children having school dinner on that day.

I am excited to let you know that our School Trust family will be growing and have a confirmed date of 1st April when Lifton Community Primary School will be joining our family. Lifton has strengths in Science, outdoor learning and curriculum development. We have already been working together on developing our Science curriculum and it is a great example of why your child benefits from being in a school which is part of a School Trust. We can provide more expertise and constantly work to improve our educational offer to your child.

Finally, thank you! I wanted to thank you for the care, compassion and patience you are showing our staff. We are trying our best to minimise disruption despite huge levels of infection in our staff and we understand that it is unsettling and can impact on you. Thank you for recognising we are doing all we can in these incredibly difficult times – your kindness is making a huge difference.

January 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome to the January newsletter. I have some wonderful stories to share about your children, as well as updates about Covid-19 measures.

Despite the changes to government guidance, we will not be changing our risk assessments and continue to work with the measures that we had in place in September. Our staff will continue to wear masks in communal areas, we will minimise mixing and we continue to ask you to wear masks on the playground.

This is because we are seeing increasing levels of infection and huge numbers of staff off school with Covid. We are really struggling to cover classes and there are very few supply teachers available due to local demand. We have had to move to remote learning in some schools for up to a week. This is disruptive for you and your child, and we want to avoid it at all costs. We want to keep face-to-face learning open and minimise spread.

Onto happier news! Last year we shared that the children wanted more opportunities to get to know children across our School Trust Family. In each school, pupils have had great fun making a video to share with each other where they introduce their school and what is special. We will share them all but here is a sneaky peek at the one made by Thurlestone C of E Academy children. Enjoy [All Saints' Thurlestone C of E Academy on Vimeo](#)

Best wishes



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