



8.1.2021

Dear families of St. Kentigern's,

We have all managed our first week of lockdown and I think we all deserve a round of applause for that!

For the teaching staff, they have managed to plan and deliver live lessons which have also been recorded so families can access them at other times during the day. Seesaw work has continued and key worker children have also been in school. Teaching assistants have also entered the world of Zoom and have delivered group interventions. Our office staff are quickly becoming Seesaw login experts!

Parents and carers, you too have been amazing! I know that it is not easy to have all your children up, dressed and ready to log on for 8.55am. I know that you have had to learn how to navigate Zoom as well as managing the logistics of how making sure your children are all engaged with their learning. I have spoken to many parents over the last two days and I admire you all greatly. Your determination to make sure that your children access online learning is to be applauded. I would like to thank you for the appreciation you have shown to all the teaching staff. In these challenging times, we are all learning together.

Free School Meal Vouchers:

I have sent out a letter explaining how school is going to ensure vouchers are issued to those entitled to benefits based free school meals whilst we wait for the Government to organise their processes. This is available on Parent App. If

you haven't downloaded and activated the app yet, please do so as a matter of urgency.

Increased internet support:

Yesterday, I sent out information about the new Government scheme to help support online learning through the provision of 4G wireless routers and data allowances. Please see Parent App for all these details.

The Government have stated that they will support low income families through the provision of devices. This will be extremely beneficial to many and I look forward to receiving information relating to how we can apply. As soon as I have any updated information, I will let you know.

Keeping safe

I have received the following information from Network Rail:

Due to the very high level of trespassing on the tracks by young people in your local area, Network Rail in partnership with Learn Live are working to help raise awareness to students across the UK educating them about the dangers of the train tracks through interactive digital delivery.

Network rail asks you to share the relevant safety video with your teachers to show in class as there has been a spike in trespassing. Remember 15 mins can help save lives and provide important safety information to young people.

We have made things easier for you to watch the free safety videos by just entering the email railsafety@learnliveuk.com when you first watch the videos.

Please click on the link below to view the relevant safety video:

Primary school version: Age 7- 11

<https://learnliveuk.com/network-rail-primary-school-safety-talk/>

Message from Fr. Michael

Happy New Year to everyone. Despite being in lockdown number 3, let us be confident and positive in looking ahead. Next week, on the 13th, is the feast of St. Kentigern and we must let his example inspire us through this time, a time of

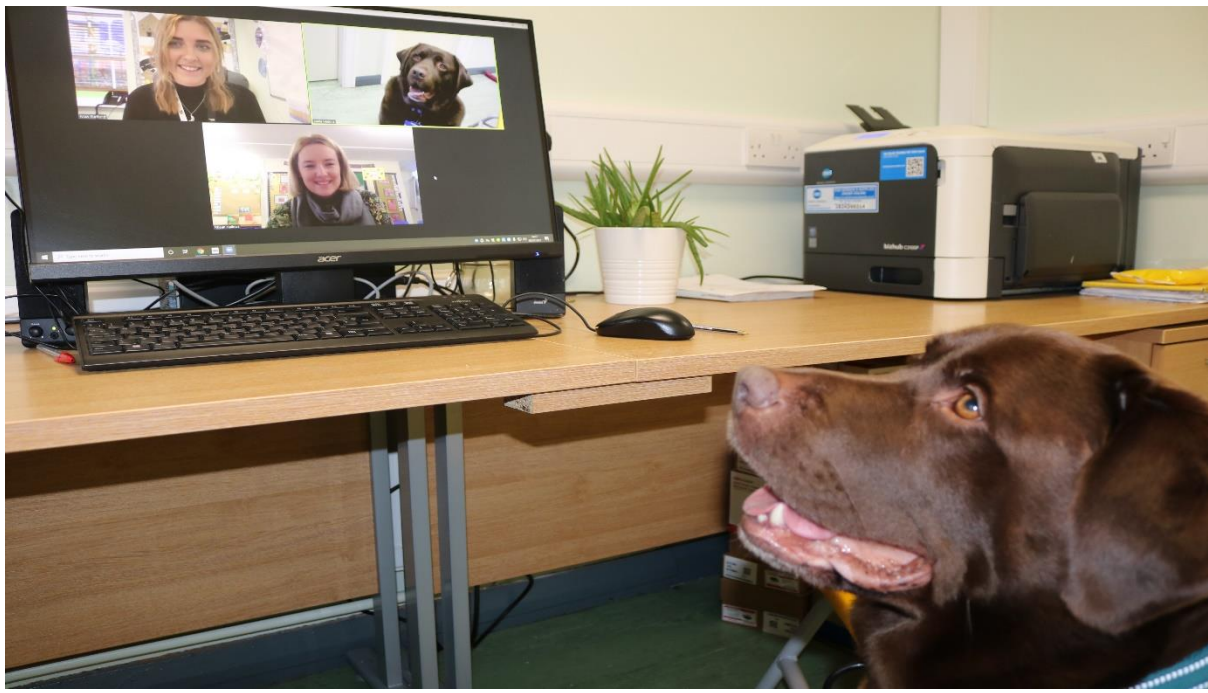
pandemic and uncertainty, that we will reply with confidence and positive prayer for one another. St. Kentigern, pray for us, St. Kentigern, comfort us on this journey through life, encourage us as we support one another. Lord, God, may the memory of St. Kentigern's story inspire our parish family.

With continued best wishes,

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Headteacher



Chester is busy Zooming, too!