

# Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School

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## NEWS LETTER

### Learner of the week

Well done to everyone for all of their hard work this week. It is so pleasing to see that the percentage of children engaging in remote learning has increased, particularly those engaging in 'most' of the activities. I know it's not easy juggling all of your responsibilities and I'd like to say a **big thank you** to all of our parents and children for their efforts, particularly year two, which has seen a significant increase in children engaging. Also, a big well done to Y3 and Y6 for their 100% engagement!

	F2	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y6
Engaging in remote learning	90%	84%	88%	100%	89%	95%	100%

Engaging in most learning	90%	55%	50%	52%	56%	90%	60%
Engaging in some learning	N/A	29%	38%	48%	33%	5%	40%

### Remote learner of the week:

<p><i>Congratulations to the following children who have worked incredibly hard to complete their remote learning. Me and Mrs Loftus really enjoyed dropping your certificate off and a having a little chat with you all this morning. Keep up the hard work. We are very proud of you.</i></p>	Hadley	Riley	Jackson
Amelia	Elliott	Indiah	Finlay



**Face to face learner of the week:**

<p><i>Congratulation to the following children who have worked incredibly hard in school this week. Keep up the hard work. We are very proud of you.</i></p>	George	Leo	Harry
			
Amaya	Callum	Isaac	Kayla
			

**Lateral Flow Testing in schools**

Lateral Flow Tests have now been made available for regular staff testing in primary schools. At our school this will commence from today. The DfE do not have plans at this time for the regular testing of primary school children.

We warmly welcome the introduction of rapid testing for our staff as we strive to make our school as safe as possible for everyone. These tests will take place twice weekly to reduce the likelihood of asymptomatic staff attending school. If a member of staff exhibits any Covid symptoms they will not attend school and start self-isolation and be tested as previously.

If a staff member tests positive following testing using a Lateral Flow Test, they then need to have this confirmed by taking a PCR test (the usual drive through tests which take a few days for results to be released). Because the safety of our school community is extremely important to us and because we know that, within a class bubble, social distancing between staff and pupils is not easy to achieve in primary schools, we would temporarily close your child's class bubble if a staff member were to test positive following a lateral flow test until the results were confirmed by a PCR test. If a PCR test comes back as negative, we would reopen the bubble immediately, but, if the result is positive, we would be initiating the usual bubble closure for 10 days.

This is good news for school, and I am sure you will share our relief that staff will now be tested regularly. Our thanks again for your continued support of school.

**Parental Wellbeing**

I want to thank all parents this week for continuing to support our school through this difficult time. We understand the pressure parents are under to support their child with online learning while continuing to keep the house running and carrying on with your own work. We hope parents know that their wellbeing is important to us too. Wherever you can please remember to be kind to yourself, don't beat yourself up for feeling bad or finding things difficult. Remember to look after the basics, eat and drink regularly, prioritise sleep and exercise. What works for some of your family and friends may not work for your family and it is ok to find your own way through.

I hope that you have a restful weekend and as always, stay safe.

“Let all that you do be done in love.” Corinthians 16.4