



# Twyford C of E School

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Dear Parents

We have now reached the end of half-term and I would like to thank everyone in our community for their support. We should be so proud of how we have all come together to ensure the continued education of our children.

## **Twyford Unplugged**

On Wednesday we welcomed 'Twyford Unplugged' and encouraged the children to participate in a wide range of activities which did not need a device or screen. The feedback we have received has been so positive – from both parents, children and staff. Some of the activities included den building, tidying bedrooms, writing letters to grandparents, lots of baking and also making models of different things. Many children have set personal challenges to continue to find time to 'unplug' themselves from a device and do something else at least once a day. It would be wonderful to think that this might continue over the coming days and weeks.

## **ParentMail**

In the last newsletter I mentioned that we are taking steps to facilitate future school payments online using ParentMail. From 11<sup>th</sup> February 2021 we will now be using +Pay on ParentMail which allows you to pay for school items quickly and easily through your smartphone, tablet or computer.

We will inform you about items you need to pay through ParentMail, and you will be able to pay electronically, using credit or debit cards as well as PayPal and PayPoint. If you have an Android or Apple smartphone, we would highly recommend you download the free ParentMail App so that you can make easy, online payments on the go. To do this, simply search for 'ParentMail' in your App store.

We will be going completely cashless from 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021 so you will need to be registered with ParentMail before this date in order to pay for school items as we will no longer be accepting cash or cheques. Please note, your bank statement will display either the school name or ParentMail dependent on your payment effort.

If you need any additional information or assistance, please use the help site: [www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/](http://www.parentmail.co.uk/help/parenthelp/) or please contact the school office via email.



### **Upcoming Government Announcement**

The media have reported that on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, the government plans to let us know more information about a 'road- map' out of lockdown. As has been the case throughout the pandemic we, as a school, find out information at the same time as you do. I anticipate that it will take a further couple of days for guidance to arrive in schools before we can start finalising any future plans. Following this and as soon as we are able, we will inform you what the plans for Twyford will be.

I hope you have a restful half-term break and make the most of a more relaxed routine for the week. The staff are looking forward to seeing the children back online for remote learning, or in school for those who are currently attending, on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

With warmest wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JBloomfield".

Judith Bloomfield  
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