



John Ray Infant School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Good news, we've nearly made it to the end of January! I have definitely noticed that it's getting dark a little later in the evenings and lighter earlier in the mornings now. I can hear lots of birds singing too.

This weekend is the Big Bird Watch run annually by the RSPB. What a great way to spend the weekend, looking out for the different birds that visit your garden or local area. Follow the link to watch a live video tomorrow and submit your results. [RSPB Big Bird Watch](#)

We would love to hear about the different birds you have seen. Can you post a photo of your favourite one on Dojo or Tapestry?

I know that many of you are increasingly finding juggling work, home learning and 'life' extremely difficult. Please don't be hard on yourselves. As I mentioned last week, if things are getting too much, just focus on reading with your child each day and practising their sounds with them, particularly if your child is in EYFS or Year One. Most of our Storytime phonics books can be found on Youtube and there are also other sites you can use to read with your child. Here are a few links that might help.

[Oxford Owl](#) (free to join currently, you just need to log in and create a username and password)

[Booktrust](#) (stories you can listen to together or read along to)

Hopefully many of you will have had the opportunity to meet with your teacher and friends online during our Teams meetings over the past few days. We know there have been some teething problems and this morning, I have sent out a link on Parentmail to some free training on how to use Teams which I hope you will find useful.

It has been really lovely to hear and 'see' the children, and as I always say, we are missing you very, very much.

We finally have a date (Hopefully) for the children's return to school. As you will probably have heard, the children will return to school no earlier than 8th March. We will be told two weeks in advance whether this will be the date and we will let you know as soon as we hear. It is not the news we wanted to hear but we are here for you to support you in any way that we can.

We have seen the return of our Nursery children this week and it has brought a huge smile to our faces. We are loving having the children in the main building. Hearing their excited squeals and chatter is making our day!

And finally, here's a bit of a discussion point for you to have with your children, particularly our Year Two children who I know have been finding out facts about Africa and its tallest mountain.

Headteachers' homework- Question of the week.



Would you like to climb a mountain?
What do you think you might need to get safely to the top?
Watch the video below for some ideas.
[Climbing Everest](#)
How do you think they were feeling when they got to the top?

Keep safe everyone
Have a good weekend

K. Mills

Headteacher

