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Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

With the recent news of a rise in Covid cases and the threat of another lockdown we are working very hard to try to ensure that the children (and the school) will be better prepared than last time if we have to experience some time out of school.

One of the biggest problems we faced when we locked down was trying to communicate with everyone. I am aware that even now not everyone is getting this weekly newsletter and I would ask for help from all parents in sharing information and ensuring everyone knows how to get to the newsletter. As well as coming out weekly by email, it is also posted on the website.

We are still waiting for some parents to return the contact sheet so we can ensure the details we hold about the children including parent telephone numbers and email addresses are correct. Please send these back with the children or drop off at the office. If you have lost the sheet please ask at the office and we can soon give you another one.

The Government are very keen for schools to offer online learning and this is something we would like to do but we know that not all families have access to the technology to enable this. Please take a few moments to answer the survey that we are sending out which will help us with our planning. These will be sent for every year group you have a child in, so please take the time to respond to each request. It will only take a minute!

Some face to face learning with a teacher, even in a virtual world, is a good way to move learning on and we would be keen to offer this if we are sure children will have access. The problem with the paper learning packs is that they do not help teach new concepts and can only really be used for revision and practice type activities and rely heavily on parents supporting the learning.

Hopefully, although we are putting plans in place, we will not have to use this and school will be able to remain open. We are looking to provide paper learning packs for individuals who are isolating currently but are not in a position at the moment to offer online learning.

What is most important is that parents engage with their child's learning so they are able to support them. Please look at the homework tasks we are currently sending home and please hear your child read every night to help them catch up on the time already lost.

Sally Harvey– Interim Headteacher

Remember **DO NOT** send your child to school if they are unwell and have any symptoms, however mild, of a high temperature, a new and persistent dry cough or have lost their sense of taste or smell. If you are unsure please ring and talk to us. Remember that if someone in the family has any of the main symptoms or has tested positive the whole family must isolate for the required time.

Celebration assembly

On Friday we held our first virtual celebration assembly where I was able to present the Knights of the Week certificates to the children so that the rest of the school and their parents could see them.

It seemed to go smoothly and the children in the classrooms watching were very excited about the event. I have not yet heard from any parents who watched what they thought.

We will plan to do this for the foreseeable future so if your child is nominated as Knight of the Week then look out for your link to the assembly and tune in.

Knights of the week

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen as our 'Knights of The Week' for last week!

William, Shaneeka, Lara, Tyler, Alfie, Ruby, Ilias, Millie, Benji, Kamilla, Mariella, Filip, Morgan & Ollie.

Walk to School Week

Walk to School week will be taking place during the week beginning Monday 5th October. During this time, please do all you can to walk to school and leave the car at home! Let's hope the weather continues to be kind...



Time keeping

Well done to everyone who is working hard to be on time there are now only a very few people who are coming in late or early! Remember a late mark is an unauthorised absence so please ensure your children are on time.

Year 3 – 8.40

Year 5/6 – 8.45

Year 4 – 8.50

Siblings can come in at the time of the **earliest** child.



Uniform

Please note that children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers to school.

Now we are in a new school year we expect all children to be wearing proper shoes to school.



Term dates

Half Term 26 – 30 October

Term Ends Friday 18 December

Inset Days

Monday 4th January 2021

Monday 7th June 2021

Friday 23rd July 2021

