

"A small school, with big ambitions!"



Newsletter – 22nd January 2021

Busy start to the term.

We are now three weeks into the term and what a busy three weeks it has been. The headlines suggest that we have some hope that the number of infections are starting to decline and the roll out of vaccinations are on track to reach their target. On the back of this good news, we have our online and in school learning working well alongside each other and we can see from the engagement levels with pupils, how well this is going. We have seen some lovely pieces of work and the feedback from everyone has been so helpful, which has allowed us to refine the work we are setting online.

We have also received the final batch of Chrome books, we now have 36 Chrome Books that will be used in conjunction with the 30 ipads we already have in school, meaning we almost have enough devices for every pupil. We are also looking ahead at how we can make the most of Spring when it arrives, we have plans to make the most of our school grounds and we hope to increase the green spaces around school.

Online Reading Opportunities

We appreciate that the children learning from home are not able to change their reading books so we have identified a few ways for children to access books online. For children in Reception and key stage 1, you can access the e-books on Collins Connect at <https://connect.collins.co.uk/school/portal.aspx> You will need to click on student access and select the school name and then use the log in details 1st January (DOB), A for surname initial and Year 1 for the year group. There are also some resources for older children at <https://library.thenational.academy/> including a free download of Jacqueline Wilson's Tracy Beaker

Parent Consultations - w/b 8th February

We feel it would not be appropriate to send home the mid-year progress report that we would normally write in February. Instead we have decided to bring forward parent consultations (online or by phone) to the w/b 8th February. Further information will follow. We hope to have an online booking facility available which we hope will be easier to book appointments to fit your commitments.

Class Registration

Next week we will be trialing using Google Meet to hold an online Registration for pupils at home and at school. Access to Google Meet will be via Google Classroom and details will be shared separately.

Online Policy

We have uploaded an online learning provision document to the school website which can be found [here](#).

We are expected, by the DfE, to upload a minimum amount of work each day but we also understand that this may be more than can be reasonably managed when parents/carers are working from home, they are supporting other siblings or devices are being shared within the household.

We would just ask that you do what you can and stay in touch. Google Classroom has been amazing, we have been delighted with the quality and quantity of work. Keeping in touch has been so much better and whilst this is not ideal, we hope that families are feeling the benefit. We hope next week to have a few more options for keeping in touch and as always, please let us know if there is anything we can do to support you.