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## **Newsletter** 14<sup>th</sup> January 2021

### **A Message from Miss Thomas:**

Welcome to Term 3 – a rather different Term 3 to the one we were all expecting! Firstly a huge thank you to all members of our school community (children, parents, staff etc) for being so supportive of each other and the situation and so adaptable to a mountain of changes. I appreciate home schooling your child is incredibly challenging and have been delighted with the engagement from the children and the work they have been submitting – thanks to all of you for supporting your children to do this.

The staff have worked incredibly hard over the last week and a half, adapting our planned curriculum to be delivered remotely but also to the children attending school. Our aim is that the children receive the same curriculum regardless of whether they are in school or at home. As we settle into remote learning, I am sure there will be things that need tweaking to make sure the needs of all are met. I will write to you in the next few days with more information about what we are offering for remote learning and to ask for some feedback from you.

This term, the children have returned to our planned curriculum which is a geography based topic from Year 1 to Year 6. Key Stage 1 work is based around 'A Place Called Home', Year 3/4 are studying 'Wonderful Wiltshire' and Year 5/6 'Extreme Earth'.

Please remember that we are here to support you even though most children are not in school. If you need some support or are unsure about anything, please get in touch.

### **TD days 2020/2021**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021**  
**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

Last day of Term 3    11<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
First day of Term 4    22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

To the following children who have celebrated their birthday's during lockdown:

Araina, Nieve, Raurie, Keeleigh-Rose, Lexi, Zak, Gianna, Bradley

## Covid19 Update:

**If your child is attending school, it is extremely important that you are vigilant to covid19 symptoms and let us know if anyone in your household displays symptoms. Below is a reminder:**

If your child or any member of your household develops Covid19 symptoms all members of your household should isolate. You must book a test for the symptomatic person and phone or email the school office to let us know (01985 213383 or [admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@avenue.wilts.sch.uk)). You can arrange a test through <https://www.nhs.uk/ask-for-a-coronavirus-test> or by phoning 119.

The symptoms to look out for are:

- New, persistent cough
- High temperature
- Change to sense of taste or smell

If you do need to get a test for a member of your household, once you get the result, please let us know as follows:

- Negative result – phone or email the school office
- Positive result – email me ([ct@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:ct@avenue.wilts.sch.uk)) as soon as you get the result, whatever time of day that is.

If we do get a positive case in school, we will work with the Public Health Team to identify close contacts and they will be asked to isolate.

**If your child is not attending school** and your household is affected by covid19, please also let us know so that we can contact you and discuss with you whether or not your household is well enough or in a position to continue with remote learning.

## Free School Meals:

Currently all of Free School Meals children are receiving a weekly food parcel. However, the Government voucher scheme will start again next week, therefore Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> will be the last food parcel. If you are not currently eligible for Free School Meals, please see the criteria below to check whether you may be eligible to apply:

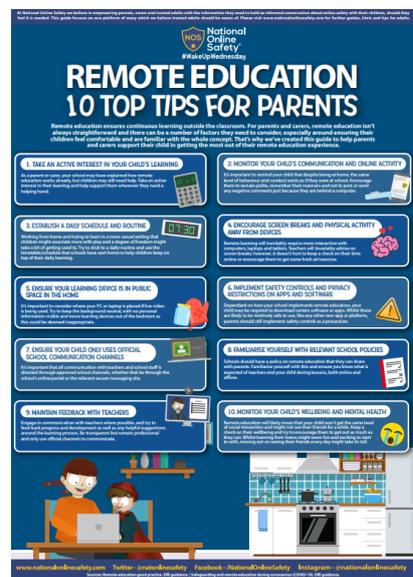
Free School Meals are available to eligible children that attend school within Wiltshire on a full-time basis. This includes Nursery children of compulsory school age who attend school full-time. You must be in receipt of one of the benefits listed below to be eligible for Free School Meals for your child or children.

- **Income Support**
- income-based **Job Seekers Allowance** (NOT contribution based JSA)
- income-related **Employment and Support Allowance** (NOT contribution based ESA)
- support under **Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999** - National Asylum Seekers Support (NASS)
- the guarantee element of **State Pension Credit**
- **Child Tax Credit** (you must NOT be entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190 (April 2012))
- **Working Tax Credit 'run-on'** - the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- **Universal Credit** (provided you have an annual net earned income of no

If you think that you may qualify for Free School Meals please see the application form on our website for you to complete.

## Safeguarding Update:

During the current lockdown, many of our children are learning remotely. It is really important that you monitor your child's use of technology and make sure they are kept safe. To support with this I have attached 'Remote Education – 10 Top Tips for Parents' produced by nationalonlinesafety.com. Please spend a few minutes reading the information and if you need any support with this, do get in touch.



## Parent and Pupil Support:

My name is Mrs Leeson and I am fortunate to work in such a diverse, pastoral role in Parent and Pupil Support. I thought it important to explain a little about my role and how I can best support you and your child.

Perhaps you have concerns in regards to behaviour, nutrition, attendance and parenting in general.

Or you feel you need support with family learning, finances and applying for benefits, Free School Meals or require Early Help.

I am here to offer impartial advice and signpost to a wealth of other agencies when needed.

Importantly, due to Warminster being a Military town, I also have a particular focus on supporting Armed Forces Families – so Please do make contact if your loved one is due to deploy on exercise or tour.

Importantly, I understand that family life can be challenging and am here to support you whenever needed, be that with a one off question or more challenging situation.

Please feel free to email me on [eln@avenue.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:eln@avenue.wilts.sch.uk) or ring the main office to arrange a telephone appointment – 01985 213383





# Family and Community Learning



## Working in Early Years Online Courses Starting January 2021

Health and Wellbeing  
Tuesday 12 January

Explore child development and understand how to model healthy learning environments.

Outdoor Play

Thursday 21 January.

Explore how learning is developed through outdoor play.

Understanding SEN  
Tuesday 2 February

Explore behaviour and learn methods to meet the needs of different children.

Safeguarding  
Thursday 14 January

Be aware of safeguarding responsibilities when working with children.

Statutory Duties  
Tuesday 26 January

Understand equality and diversity, and think about health and safety of children and adults.

Communication  
Thursday 4 February

Explore how to communicate effectively.

Indoor Play  
Tuesday 19 January

Explore how learning is developed through indoor play.

Record Keeping  
Thursday 28 January

Explore what information we hold when working with children, and how this can be helpful when observing them.



### Contact Details:

Email: [familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:familyandcommunitylearning@wiltshire.gov.uk)

Website: [workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/](http://workwiltshire.co.uk/family-learning/)

Call: 01225 770478

Courses are funded by the Education and Skills Funding Agency. Learners must be 19+, have been resident in the EU/UK for three or more years or be a service family member, have less than 5 GCSE's A-C and or be in receipt of benefits or be unemployed. If you do not feel you fit within the criteria, we still may be able to help so please call if you have any questions.

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