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School News...

'Zoom' Class Catch Ups

As we continue to review and enhance our remote learning programme, as of next week, class teachers will be hosting virtual 'catch ups' with our home learners. The Monday session will enable staff and pupils to interact together and discuss the learning and expectations for the week ahead as well as share news and take part in a small activity if there is time. Teachers will then host an end of week session on Zoom on Thursday or Friday to review the week's learning, provide feedback and celebrate pupils' achievements. The sessions will last for 20 minutes and we expect that **all** home learners take part so look out for an email invite ready for next week.

We expect pupils to be appropriately dressed for the sessions, mute their microphones until they wish to speak and supervised by an adult. There will be a virtual waiting room to wait in until the class teacher admits you to the session. We have organised the Zoom Class Catch Ups at different times for each class so that there is no clash for siblings at home who may be sharing devices. We look forward to seeing as many pupils as possible next week.

The timetable is as follows:

	Class Catch Up 1		Class Catch Up 2	
Reception	Monday	11.00am	Friday	11.00am
Year 1	Monday	1.10pm	Friday	1.40pm
Year 2	Monday	2.00pm	Thursday	1.00pm
Year 3	Monday	9.10am	Friday	1.10pm
Year 4	Monday	11.50am	Friday	11.50am
Year 5	Monday	1.50pm	Friday	2.00pm
Year 6	Monday	12.00pm	Thursday	12.00pm

Paper Resource Packs

Weekly packs can be collected from the school office from 10.30am – 2pm on Mondays each week. We now ask that any pupils working through packs must aim to take a photograph of their work at home and upload it to Seesaw so that your class teacher can see and check your work on a daily basis. Photographs can be taken and uploaded on to Seesaw via the app if it makes it easier for families. This way your child's online journal provides evidence of home learning during lockdown and it means packs will no longer need to be returned to school each week. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Reading Tips/ Ideas

Please remember to help keep your child on track with their reading that they can access Oxford Reading Owl online via their own account which has been set up by school. Don't forget to access Read Theory if your child is in KS2 to practice comprehension skills to support the work set by class teachers. Why not try and record yourself on Seesaw reading a book and submit it for your class teacher to listen to and comment on? Remember to read as much as you can to develop your reading skills, imagination, concentration and to pass the time at home during the current lockdown.

FSM Vouchers

If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a £15 voucher for Tesco supermarket will be emailed out to you on Monday. Please keep an eye on your email accounts on Monday. If you have any queries, please call the school office.

Building Work

Work is well underway in the school grounds as you will have seen this week. We have had minimal disruption to school but we do have large vehicles and equipment visiting and delivering to the school site daily. Therefore, we do emphasise the need for parents/carers to supervise their children carefully at the beginning and end of each day when entering and leaving the premises.

Reminders...

Remote Learners at Home

Pupils working at home must complete the set tasks on Tapestry (Reception) and Seesaw (Years 1-6) each day. This lockdown is different to the last one – learning is taking place and it is a legal requirement for school to set work each day and pupils to complete it. Work will be posted and ready online by 9am from Monday to Friday. Please complete all tasks set by staff not just one or two!

Please be assured that the work that is set for learners at home will be the exact same work that the pupils in the key worker and vulnerable provision will be set. Also, due to the high numbers of pupils in school this time, class staff will check the learning platforms throughout the day but will not be able to answer all communications straight away as they have to provide support and supervision in school.

School staff will be checking online engagement by lunchtime each day and will contact pupils/families if they need support or help to access the set learning.

If a child is unwell then we ask that families contact school via Parentapp, the school office or the Gmail account to explain that they are unable to take part in learning that day. This will then be recorded in school.

Further links and activities can be found on our school website under the 'Home Learning' tab to help keep your child occupied at home.

I would like to point out that we are aware that some families are working at home throughout the day and unable to complete the learning tasks until later on that day. That is absolutely fine. Staff complete their working day at 3pm so if they do not respond to your emails/communications immediately, it will be dealt with from 8.30am the following morning. Please remember that staff are providing daily blended learning (remote and in school) and need time to plan for the next day, rest and switch off in the evenings especially given the position that we find ourselves in!

Key Worker & Vulnerable Pupil Provision Learners

Pupils should only come to school as long as they are well and not displaying any COVID-19 symptoms.

School gates open at 8.45am and close at 8.55am. Please form a socially distanced line along the perimeter fence along Sandy Lane. Do not congregate at the gate. Once Mr Hatton has registered your child as they enter the playground, adults must leave straight away. School staff are positioned safely on the playground to welcome the children into school each day.

Pupils must wear full school uniform to school each day but may wear a hoodie/fleece over their uniform particularly during the cold weather we are experiencing as classroom windows must remain open as per our risk assessment.

Next week we will be following Week 1 on the School Meals Menu. Snack will be available to buy for KS2 pupils at break.

Our Sports Coaches will continue to work in school during lockdown in the ventilated space of our Hall or outdoors weather permitting. Pupils will need to wear PE kit on the following days:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Friday
Reception Year 3	Year 5 Year 6	Year 1 Year 4	Year 2 Year 4

Please remember when collecting your child/ren at the end of the day, to form a socially distanced queue along the Sandy Lane perimeter fence. Adults must wear a face covering whilst on the school premises and collect their children promptly. Gates will close at 3pm. All staff will have left the building by 3.15pm.

School Website: Home Learning Tab

We have lots of information and guidance on our school website to help families and children at home. Click on the HOME LEARNING tab on the front page of the website. You can find links to activities for different subjects should you wish to use them as part of home learning or activities to keep the children occupied for short periods of time. These links will be added to and updated on a regular basis. Also under this tab, you will find a copy of our updated risk assessment, internet safety guidance and activities as well as copies of our remote learning policies and plans.

Oral Health Team Update

Please see the information below from the Community Oral Health Team about snacks.

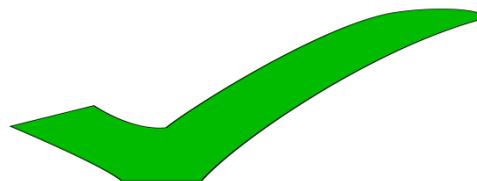
Top Tips about Snacks

Many children skip breakfast in the morning and replace this by having breakfast biscuits and cereal bars at break time. However, these are high in sugar and fat, and are bad for teeth. For example Cereal bars and 100% fruit chews or bars.



Most cereal bars have over 42g of sugar per 100g and fruit chews or fruit bars may contain anything from around 50g to 80g of sugar per 100g.

Why not swap these for a piece of fresh fruit, such as an apple or banana? Fruit is full of fibre and healthy nutrients, and contains natural sugar which is much better for teeth and general health.



We should all aim to eat at least 5 portions of fruit and vegetables a day to keep us fit and healthy.

And remember, plain water and milk are better than juices and fizzy pop.

If you have any questions regarding your child's Oral Health you can contact a member of the Oral Health Team on 01925 867973.