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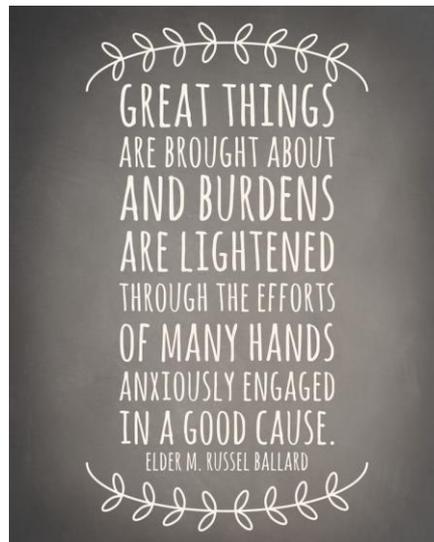
Weekly Newsletter: Friday 8th January 2021

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What a first week we have had to 2021 since the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday! I would like to say a massive thank you to our parents/carers for your support and understanding this week. There have been lots of changes, worries and technical hitches but it's finally Friday! My sincere thanks goes to my staff team who have simply risen to the challenges of this week to make sure our key worker and vulnerable provision and remote learning for pupils at home is up and running!

I am sure we all agree that this is not the start to the new year we wanted or planned. However we have survived one lockdown before so we can do it again for the good of our children!



We need to work together over the coming weeks and adapt to new ways of working, learning and coping. This isn't helped by new (or little!) changing guidance on a daily basis which can be frustrating and infuriating for us all on different levels. Please bear with us as we endeavour to make sure our pupils are provided with the support they need, our families know that school will help in any way we can and that staff can balance the demands of school and remote learning with their own family circumstances.

Let's stick together and come through these next few months stronger.

Our mission statement has never been more important than it is now:

'Working together to succeed, through faith in Jesus Christ'

Every success, no matter how small, is important and a win. Our faith will make us stronger and we will be guided by the love of Jesus Christ.

Please take care of yourselves, follow the government advice and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mr Hatton

School News...

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 be rest 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.

If families are struggling with online work, paper versions of the remote learning tasks can be requested from school. The paper tasks with the work for the week can be collected from the school office after 10am-2pm each Monday. Packs must be returned to school the following Monday for teachers to check and mark as evidence that learning has taken place at home.

Further links and activities can be found on our school website under the 'Home Learning' tab.

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.

From Monday, snack will be available for KS2 pupils so please ensure that your child's Parentpay account is in credit so they can purchase toast/drinks etc.

Next week we will be following Week 2 on the School Meals Menu.

Our Sports Coaches will continue to work in school during lockdown in the ventilated space of our Hall or outdoors weather permitting. The sessions start next week and 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

Pupils must wear a plain navy or black tracksuit and a pair of trainers on their PE day in line with our uniform policy.

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. When the gates open, follow the running track around to your child's classroom door and leave via the track and gate on to the car park. 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.

Free School Meal Vouchers

Whilst we await further guidance from the Government as to how Free School Meal Vouchers will be distributed, school will provide the following:

Remote Learners at home: pupils in receipt of Free School Meals who are not in school will have a £15 Tesco voucher emailed to them each Monday by 12pm to cover lunch expenses for that week. This voucher is to be used in Tesco supermarkets not Tesco Express.

Key Worker/Vulnerable Pupils in school: pupils in receipt of Free School Meals who are in school will not be offered vouchers as a hot meal at lunchtime will be provided each day in school. It is up to the family's discretion if they wish to take up this offer or provide their child with a packed lunch from home.

Feast of Epiphany

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)

Earlier this week, the Feast of Epiphany was celebrated which may have been lost in all of the changes and uncertainty we have faced. Please find the accompanying prayer to share at home as a family.



REMINDER:

Primary School Admissions Deadline



If you have a child due to start school in September 2021, the closing date for applications is Friday 15th January 2021.

All applications to the Council must now be made online. The web address for those families living in Warrington is: www.warrington.gov.uk/admissions

For those living outside of Warrington, please contact the Local Authority Admissions team to find out how to apply.

If you do not have access to a device and email account the contact number for Warrington Admissions is 01925 446226