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# School News...

<p><b>Well Done to you all!</b></p>		<p>As we come to the end of the first full week of lockdown, I want to say well done to all of our pupils, families and staff. We have seen a positive response to home learning this week with the majority of pupils engaging and posting their work for the staff to see. Staff are on hand in school to help support at home as well as the pupils in our key worker/vulnerable pupil provisions. Please contact school if you need any help or support, we are happy to help. Enjoy your weekend as best you can and take a break from school until Monday morning.</p>
<p><b>Paper Resource Packs</b></p>		<p>We understand from our conversations with our families this week that a small number of people have required paper versions of the work set on Seesaw or Tapestry. Weekly packs can be collected from the school office from 10.30am – 2pm on Mondays each week. When you come to collect your new pack, please bring back your previous week's pack for your teacher to check and mark.</p>
<p><b>FSM Vouchers</b></p>		<p>If you are in receipt of Free School Meals, a £15 voucher for Tesco supermarket will be emailed out to you on Monday by 12pm. We will keep our families updated if and when the Government organise a national voucher like they did last summer with Edenred. Until then we will continue to provide Tesco vouchers for our families. Please keep an eye on your email accounts on Monday. If you have any queries, please call the school office.</p>
<p><b>ParentPay Accounts</b></p>		<p>As mentioned on last week's newsletter, pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 can purchase a snack from the school kitchen when they are in school. We do ask that parents/carers check what their child is ordering and top up their accounts accordingly. We have a no debt policy in school and snacks will be stopped if pupils do not have sufficient funds in their accounts.</p>
<p><b>Online Safety Newsletter</b></p>		<p>Our monthly Internet newsletter has been sent home along with the newsletter. This month's editions provides information and updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playstation</li> <li>• X-Box</li> <li>• Dubsmash</li> </ul> <p>Please use the newsletter to share with your child and wider family as a means of promoting Internet safety and positive online behaviours.</p>
<p><b>Building Work</b></p>		<p>As of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, building work will begin on our school car park. This is to provide us with automated gates on to the car park and playground and a new path will be built leading to the main entrance of school. We will update you of any developments or disruptions over the coming weeks to ensure the safety of our school community is not compromised but we do ask that pupils are supervised by an adult at all times. All works and contractors will be based outside in keeping with our risk assessment and the Government guidance we are currently following.</p>

# 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 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.

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.

Next week we will be following Week 3 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.

## 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.