

# NEWSLETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
Autumn Term Issue 10

Dear Parent and Carer,

I hope you are well and keeping safe.

**COVID.19 update:** Hopefully, you will have received my letter recently regarding shielding. If you did not, the message was along the lines of: parents of children who received shielding letters for lock down 1, to contact their GP or consultants asap to check if it is safe for your child to attend school. Thank you for doing this.

Whilst on the subject of COVID, please can I remind parents of the Government rulings on refraining from car sharing, as well as our guidelines on wearing face coverings, the one way system and vacating the school premises as soon as possible. In addition, a reminder that if you or a family member develops any symptoms of COVID.19, then they must book a test as soon as possible and the entire family/household must isolate whilst awaiting these results. I have been horrified to read about cases where parents with suspected COVID have taken their children to school. Thankfully, not our school. I am sorry to keep banging on about these things, but keeping everyone safe and our school open, remains my priority. As always, thank you for your continued support and efforts so far.

On a completely separate note, I thought I would share a more personal experience with you. Every night, I spend 15 minutes or so, reading with my 7 year old son. Lately, his homework commitments from school have increased (year 2) and I have noticed a slight resentment in him with regards to completing any homework. He does not really see the point and wants to do fun stuff with me instead. We managed to figure the reasoning and logic behind homework together and came up with a compromise which meant that when he completed his home learning he was rewarded with additional fun time with me, be it cycling, football or out on his scooter. What really struck me

though, was the whole experience of lock down number 1 is still very fresh in these young minds, and that 'battle' we had to get home learning completed appeared to raise its head again. My learning from this, is that unless my child is ready to learn and in a fit state of mind to learn, then there is no real point in pushing and fighting the homework issue. My tactic has now changed, and I focus more on making sure he is ready to learn and make it as fun and relaxed as I can. Sometimes I tell him that I will do it for him... if he helps me (and doesn't tell his mum).

Children love to teach others and before he knows it, he'll be completing his work, but more importantly, he'll be actually learning something. My two main points here are:  
1. Children will not learn if they are not in the right mind to do so. 2. The damage that this pandemic is causing and has caused must not be underestimated and we must all remain incredibly vigilant with regards to our children's mental health.

Kind regards  
Kieran Walsh

## Lannergrams

Well done to everyone who received a Lannergram this week:

Y1: John D, Lerryn M, Lowen S

Y2: Dalton C, Neo L, Cora W

Y3: Faye C, Siena J, Tyler L

Y4: Willow G, Mitchell J, Amber S

Y5: Kyrie K, Talia M, Ella T

Y6: Ruby B, Stan H, Jayden L

## Attendance Cup

The attendance cup was awarded to **Year 5** this week for their attendance.

The Attendance this week -

Group	% Attend
Year 1	98.2
Year 2	97.2
Year 3	97.9
Year 4	93.7
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99.7</b>
Year 6	96.1
<b>Totals</b>	<b>97.1</b>

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

A big happy birthday from all the staff, to the following pupils who have a birthday this week!!

YR - Willow S

Y1 -

Y2 - Charlie M

Y3 -

Y4 - Hetty S

Y5 -

Y6 -

## Important Dates

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December - Inset day.

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December - last day of term 1.30pm  
(no after school provision on this day)

