



Update Friday 8th January 2021
Head Teacher Mrs Lynne Osborne

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year – although I appreciate that it may seem a long time ago! What a week we've had, thank you for all your support as we develop our remote learning and, once again, adjust to lockdown.

I will be producing a weekly newsletter during this lockdown period and would very much appreciate some '*Reasons to be cheerful*'.

This week it's just a few of year 1's excellent jokes:

What wobbles in the sky? *A jellycopter!* (Casey)

Why did Elsa not have a balloon? *Because she let it go!* (Ruby)

What do elves do on the toilet? *Jingle smells* (Milo)

Wow! What an achievement



Congratulations to Marley, Poppy and Josie whose winning designs were chosen by Watford Community Football Club to be used on their Christmas Cards.

Remote learning update



Thank you for all your comments and suggestions, your feedback is invaluable to us and will help us deliver the best possible remote learning experience for your children. Year 1-6's morning 'Google meets' have been very well received and are a great opportunity for your child to engage with their classmates and find out about the day's learning. In an attempt to ensure that more children are able to access the daily meetings we have 'tweaked' our timings slightly and from next week will look like this:

Years 2, 4 and 6 – 0900

Years 1, 3 and 5 – 0930

We will also be delivering Collective Worship sessions three times weekly on Mondays, Wednesday and Fridays at 10 am via Zoom.

Monday 11th January Collective Worship

Meeting ID: 880 4172 1508

Passcode: 070935

For further ideas and activities for remote learning head to our class pages and the remote learning section on our website.

Pandemic Positives – Let’s grow some healing herbs together



We need your help to create a herb garden in forest school. It will attract wildlife, we will be able to use the plants for all sorts of teaching and it should be beautiful to see, smell, taste and feel. Indeed as John Muir, the Father of Nation Parks in America said, *‘Everybody needs beauty as well as bread, places to play in and pray in, where nature may heal and give strength to body and soul.’*

So with this in mind we are going to ask you to nurture some herb seeds at home and return the baby plants to us when we re-open. The seeds and compostable pots will be available in a box outside the school gates the week after next, so please come and help yourselves when you’re out on your daily exercise.

Genesis 1:29 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb bearing seed, which [is] upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in the which [is] the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for meat.

Mrs Milton and Mrs Hawkes

Curl up with a book!



A message from Hertfordshire Library Service:

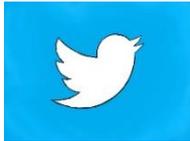
We all know how important it is for children to have access to books. Despite the current lockdown situation, Hertfordshire libraries are open for Ready Reads. Families can order books for their children and themselves using the online form and then collect from a selected library. If families are unable to access online services, please encourage them to contact us on 0300 123 4049 and a member of our team will be able to help fill out the form. Never have books been more important, not only supporting children with their reading and education but also with their health and wellbeing, enabling them to leave behind the daily stresses and escape into imaginary worlds. You can find the latest information about Hertfordshire libraries re-opening plans and our online services on our website.

Social media – keep in the loop



Keep up to date with all the latest school news via our social media platforms.

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A final note:

Need some help with remote learning? Why not go to our 'Google Guru' Miss Gray? She's happy to help.

