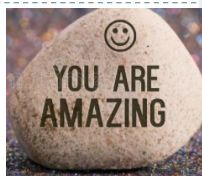


Collective Worship Theme this half term = **RESPECT & REVERENCE**

15 January 2021

Attendance this week is
In school; 21 (55%) pupils
Online; 17 (45%) pupils



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School News

Welcome back to all our pupils either in school or remotely. Not quite the return to school we had hoped for, however, the staff and children are all embracing the new “normal” and are upbeat as ever; thank you to parents for your commitment to online learning too.

We have two student teachers joining us this half term; Mr Stennett in the Infant Class and Miss Williams in the Junior Class. The pupils in school and remotely will see them, Mr Dias-Leao and their Teachers and the TAs. We are lucky to have this extra support to help us deliver the online learning.

DFE Covid School Attendance Guidance

Primary schools remain open to vulnerable children and young people and the children of critical workers only. All other pupils should not attend and should learn remotely until February half-term. Pupils who are self-isolating should not attend school. Clinically extremely vulnerable pupils are also advised not to attend school.

Online Learning

The expectations of content, delivery and attendance for online learning is more rigorous for this lockdown. We are following these by providing daily lessons in English and maths plus afternoon activities linked to our whole school topic of Chocolate which incorporate geography, history and science. We aim to extend the curriculum content to include additional subjects once the online learning is well-established.

We are taking a daily register both in school and for online learning. If you are unable to access the Google Classroom calls in person then please ensure that you click to show work has been completed and submit work if you can so that we can see you are managing to engage with the tasks. As ever, if you have any questions please contact; email is best first or call in the afternoons (mornings are quite busy!).

A few online learning requests;

1. Please stay on mute until you need to say something (this reduces transfer of background noise).
2. Please put your hand up or use the online ‘raise hand’ button if you want to say something.
3. Please allow children to attempt the work independently and even if they are stuck only advise, don’t give them the answers. You can always message teachers.



Winning House
last week of
term was Elm

This will be
carried over to
next week.

SPORT

Daily mile/walk

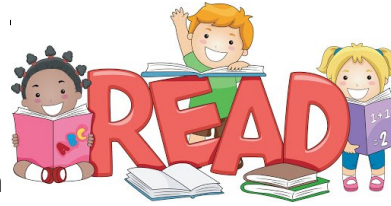
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 1 Feb. Children’s Mental HealthWeek
- 12 Feb. Break up
- 22 Feb. Return to School
- 22 Feb. Swimming
- 8 Mar. Assessment week
- 16 Mar. Infant and Junior Parents’ Evening
- 17 Mar Junior Parents’ Evening
- 23/24 Mar. Y5/6 Bikeability
- 26 Mar. Break up

Let parents bequeath to their children not riches, but the spirit of reverence.

Plato

Reading



Staff Training

Maths mastery

Online moderation;

Pobble

School Lunches

Week beginning

18 January is

menu week 3

We all know how important reading is for learning in any subject. Research has shown that for many children reading is, surprisingly, what slipped the most during last lockdowns. However, it really is easy to do and does not have to be for long periods of time. Remember the following points;

- i) reading anything is useful e.g. ingredients of food, newspapers/comics, sign-posts.
- ii) putting subtitles on the screen when watching television is useful
- iii) let your child see you reading & enjoying it.
- iv) paired reading is a great way to share a book; read the words at the same time as your child, if they stumble you just keep going so they hear the word they couldn't read and don't lose the train of the story.

Other ideas for home learning

- All subjects; <https://www.thenational.academy/>
- All subjects; <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/this-terms-topics>
- Science; <http://www.oum.ox.ac.uk/thezone/>
- Art; <https://groweatgift.com/2017/06/12/30-ways-to-get-creative-for-30-days-wild/>
- English; <https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>
- PE; <https://family.gonoodle.com/>
- Online after school club; <https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchool-SportClub>
- Science Challenge (Space); <https://www.stem.org.uk/missionx>

Children's University (KS2 pupils)

This is the perfect opportunity for children to complete activities for their university passports. The children know what to do but here is a link to FAQs; to help <https://vimeo.com/uohnyph/faqsjan201>

Snow Days

All teaching staff live some distance from school and, as a consequence, if the weather is bad or icy it is likely that school will close for the day as we need to ensure that they are safe both driving or if they need rescuing in current circumstances. On these days, please use any of the above links.

PTA News

Happy New Year to everyone. Hope everyone had a lovely Xmas! Thank you to everyone that helped/supported the fundraising before Xmas. Congratulations to hamper winners Rowena Robinson, Sarah Gamble and Andy Fawbert and Gordy Jackson. The hamper was a huge success raising £295.00. Wreaths; just getting final figures, at present I believe its around £1400 plus we've had a £500 donation to add to the total, a huge success so thank you all very much!!



We have again entered into strange times and are thinking of ways to fundraise behind closed doors; any ideas welcome or if you would like any more information on what the PTA do or would like to get involved please drop me an email or call

Take care Best wishes, Katrina, PTA Chair