

27.01.2021



Hello and Thank You

Wow, what a start to them term it has been! After a very last minute announcement from the Government we had to quickly change our plans for reopening in January. As always, our staff have been fantastic, working hard to ensure children both in school and at home are provided with the best learning experiences.

We are trying to make the home learning process as easy as possible for you as we know just how challenging this time is for everyone. We have had some wonderful feedback from you about our provision and have been extremely impressed with the work being emailed in. As one of our teachers said to me last week 'receiving this work from our children and seeing them so engaged with their learning at home really makes all the hard work pay off.' So it's really a big thank you to all of you. We're grateful for how you've been engaging with our home learning so fantastically and for sending your children's work in for their teachers to see and provide feedback. We are aiming to provide your children with a response on a daily basis and, again, I have had some wonderful feedback from parents on how helpful this has been.

If there is, however, anything else we can do to support you and your children with their home learning then please do not hesitate to contact either myself or your child's class teacher. Alternatively, if you just need to talk, be it home learning related or not, please feel free to contact me at school on 01752 812245. I have said it before, and I will say it again, please do not put yourself under too much pressure! Take everything one day at a time and know we are here if you need us!



Winter Games Week

8th-12th February



We are really excited to still be running our Winter Games Week. For our families at home, keep an eye out on our school website where you will be set sports challenges for your children (and your whole family if you wish!) to take part in. Children in school will also be taking part in these challenges in their class bubbles.

We will send further information out to you about how this week will run, including how to keep score of your challenges and emailing those scores in. We can't wait to discover our year group sports champions!

I am busy practising my balloon volleyball in preparation for the week!

Children's Mental Health Week

1st - 7th February 2021

The theme this year is **Express Yourself**.



Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts or ideas through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film and doing activities that make you **feel good**.

It's important to remember that being able to **express yourself** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

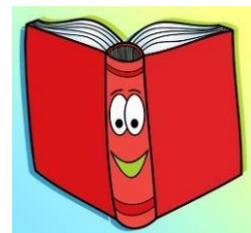
With this in mind, our staff have all been thinking about things they enjoy doing and which make them feel good and they have recorded short videos which will be shared via our school website for your children to enjoy. We have some dancing, baking, music, art... the list goes on, and we are hoping that these videos may inspire your children to think of different ways in which they can express themselves too.

On **Friday 5th February** we are also asking children both at home and in school to **express themselves** by wearing a **favourite item of clothing** - maybe their favourite t-shirt or jumper which is perhaps a bright colour... something that makes them 'feel good!'

Reminder- Covid safe book exchange every Wednesday between 10am and 1pm

If you wish to change your child's reading book a member of staff will be at the front of school (outside) where you will be able to drop off your child's book (into a box where the books will then be quarantined) and collect another at the same time.

Unfortunately, children will not be able to look through the books, however, we will ensure your child receives the correct book band colour.



Please can we ask that only one adult comes to exchange books as we are limiting the number of adults on the site at any one time.

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Lateral Flow Device Tests- Covid-19



Test and Trace

As part of the Government's mass-testing rollout, from this week all **staff** in school will be tested for Covid-19 twice a week, using Lateral Flow Device testing kits.

This is to help to stop the spread of the virus by isolating any asymptomatic cases.

For primary schools, it is **not** a requirement for the children to be tested on a weekly basis.

Finally, thank you to our parents for using our one-way system at drop off and pick up at the start and end of the school day. This enables us to keep the flow of 'traffic' moving through the school.

Can I please remind you that for main school drop off is between 8.45am and 8.55am and pick up is at 3.00pm. For children in Nursery drop off is at 8.45am and pick up at 3.15pm.

Thank you once again for your continued support.

Best wishes,

Mrs Kellond

Acting Headteacher