

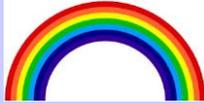
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NEWSLETTER

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“Empathy is about finding echoes of another person in yourself.”

Mohsin Hamid

Dear Parents and Carers,

After a busy week of Government announcements, I want to thank you for all your continued support at this time.

We are aware that some KS2 pupils are using iPads or other tablets to access the work set on assignments, as well as some families who are sharing one device between more than one child. We have received a donation of some more laptops that we are able to distribute and would please urge you to take advantage of this offer. Sadly, it seems that remote education may be continuing until at least Easter and it is imperative that our pupils are able to access the live sessions and the work set on assignments; we will do anything we can to support access to this.

We are really keen to ensure that the KS2 children don't spend all day online. All of the work set can be completed in an exercise book and a photograph taken and uploaded. There is no requirement to print anything out. We also hope that the whole school science focus enables them to step away from their laptops for a while to carry out some experiments.

Some parents have requested extension tasks for their children. These will be placed in the content library on assignments for KS2 children. We will be adding ideas that aren't just literacy and numeracy focused. Look out for Mrs Osborn's poetry ideas - in particular to aid wellbeing at this time.

I am working on how to organise the facility for a book swap for the children during this time. We need to ensure that this is organised safely, whilst recognising the fact that it is crucial that all of the pupils are able to access reading books from school. Further news will follow next week of how we plan to implement this.

We are delighted this week to announce our participation in the Lockdown Olympics 2021 which is being run by our PE provider, PH Sports. The challenges will be released every Wednesday over four weeks and we would urge you to encourage your child to take part in the challenges and log their result with PH Sport. We are keen to make a video montage each week of the children carrying out the challenges and would love to receive as many videos or even photos as possible to add to this. Please can these be sent by 9am on Monday morning.

We are working to ensure we provide plenty of opportunities to keep the children engaged with a variety of activities in order to reduce the potential monotony of learning for them at this time. Please encourage and support your child in getting involved, we have lot of ideas in the pipeline and the more children who join in, the more momentum will be gathered.

Finally, I challenged the children today in my worship to find one positive everyday. My positive today was spending time with Owl Class playing bingo this afternoon. I discovered that I am the world's worst bingo caller, but goodness they all made me smile. The subsequent game of charades to a few children who hung on at the end of the call was hilarious - none of them knew how to play charades and trying to explain how play through TEAMS was certainly an experience.

I wish you all a peaceful weekend with, I hope, some sunshine. I hope you all remain safe and well.

MARKING AND FEEDBACK

We are keen to emulate our marking and feedback policy whilst teaching remotely. This means that there will be the same approach to feedback and marking as in school:

- Live feedback will be given during live TEAMS meetings. General misconceptions will be addressed during these sessions.
- Key Stage 2 pupils will mark their own reading and daily maths. Correcting their work in a different colour as they would in class. They must ask for help from their teacher if they need it.
- Written feedback will be given through the comments box on Seesaw for EYFS/KS1 where appropriate.
- Assignments will be returned for KS2 with feedback as appropriate.
- Pupils should respond to any next steps set either written or verbal.
- Small group work will be given for extra support where necessary.

Child Mental Health and Wellbeing

Amid the Covid 19 pandemic, supporting the wellbeing of children has never been so important. SSS Safeguarding have produced their 10 Top Tips Parent Resource. This resource is designed to offer advice on how parents can safeguard their child/ren's mental health and promote their wellbeing.

The resource is available as a document and short video presentation.

The link to both resources is <https://ssscpd.co.uk/education/parentsandguardians/child-mental-health-10-tips-for-parents>

We will share any resources that come through to us that we think might help at this time in the weekly newsletter. However, please do contact us if you have any particular concerns. We can signpost parents to early help and will do our absolute best to support in anyway we can.

I already have so many examples of incredible science learning to share with you next week. However, as a taster, I just wanted to share my favourite photo of the week and one that has inspired me to make a cloud in a jar this weekend. Well done Alex!!!

Mrs Osborn



WEEKLY WOW's

WOW to Freddie S for writing fantastic instructions for his fruit salad.

WOW to Alex K for his super effort with his writing and for completing the 'making a rain cloud activity'.

WOW to Cali-Mae for great maths works.

WOW to Bea for her clear explanations in Secure It! Maths questions.

WOW to Finlay for his effort in writing and his enthusiasm for the PE Alphabet Lock-down Olympics Challenge.

WOW to Anya for her effort in maths and a beautiful, well made Newton's disk.

WOW to Luella for her efforts in maths to secure her understanding.



Dates for your Diary

Lockdown Olympics 2021

New challenge every Wednesday

Holocaust Memorial Day

Thursday 27th January

NSPCC Numbers Day 2021 (cancelled by the NSPCC)

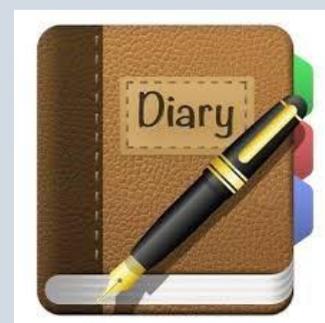
End of Term 1

Friday 12th February

World Book Day 2021

Thursday 4th March

Click [here](#) to be taken to the school calendar on our website.



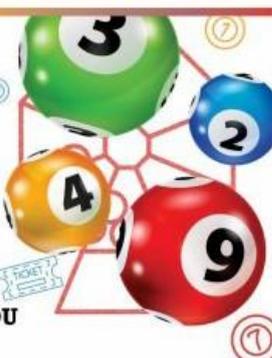
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