

5<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Dear Parents,

### Newsletter

#### **Staff PD Day**

Please note the staff PD day in March has been rescheduled to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> March. School will not be open to any pupils on this day.

#### **Key worker and vulnerable children provision**

As you will be aware, the government has stated schools will not return before the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021. After the half term, we continue to be only be open for children of key workers and those classed as vulnerable (including children with EHCPs) until further notice. If you believe that you are eligible for this provision and require this support, please complete and return the form emailed to you to confirm when your child will be attending.

**Please return the form no later than 10<sup>th</sup> February**

**We are mindful that the decision to close schools is to reduce the risk of transmission and will therefore be taking further steps in school to encourage social distancing between pupils and staff.**

#### **Snow**

Thank you AGAIN for your support when we needed to close the school again this week. It is never an easy decision to close school. You may have seen that more snow is forecast next week. We have sent ipads home just in case we need to close on Monday - fingers crossed the forecast is wrong.

#### **Heather Class**

We have had yet another busy week in Heather Class. All the children have been working extremely hard both in school and at home. Thank you for all the continued support you are giving the children at home. This week has been 'Children's Mental Health Week' and we have been completing a mindfulness activity every afternoon. The children identified some fantastic qualities they have. We also thought about things we can think of that make us happy if we are feeling sad. We have continued looking at 'Pop Art' this week and we made our own Andy Warhol inspired art work

on pic collage. During music we have continued to look at body percussion which has been lots of fun. In English, we have been thinking about our favourite books and characters and we have got up to chapter 30 in our whole class reading book, High Rise Mystery. We are all really enjoying it and it has us hooked!

### **Miss Storr**

Next week is Miss Storr's final week in school as Miss Parkes is returning after half term following her maternity leave. We would like to thank Miss Storr for the contribution she has made to the school, we wish her the best of luck for the future and she will be greatly missed.

### **Fern Class**

This week the children have continued with the story of The Snail and the Whale. KS1 children have written their own fact file on their chosen sea creature - a blue marlin proved popular as well as an octopus. Did you know octopus can change colour? This week was Children Mental Health Week, so we have been completing activities each day for this, the children thought about what makes them an amazing person, created a worry doll with Mrs Woods in PSHE and also thought about the things that make them happy. Today is our first Freetime Friday which I hope the children and parents enjoy, you have all been working really hard! Have a lovely weekend everyone.

### **Star of the Week**

Heather class is Chloe S for doing absolutely everything that is asked of her every single week. Chloe could be star of the week every week, she is a fantastic role model and always gives everything 110%

Fern class is Martha, for really improving in her reading and in PE, she impressed me with her skills in both this week, well done!

### **Heather Class Merit Winners:**

Red - Tyler  
Yellow - Chloe S  
Blue - Bradley  
Green - Florence

### **Fern Class Merit Winners:**

Red - Isaac  
Yellow - Harley  
Blue - James  
Green - Oliver

### School Questionnaire

Many thanks to those parents of children who are working from home either full or part time during this period of lockdown. For those who have not completed the questionnaire- please follow the link and complete before the 12th Feb. We are keen to continuously improve of home learning offer and welcome your views.

### Parent Questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=D7gAatBevE2eHOWQxVV-CnkTAiWtDzFCs1v5CoIwT8hUQzJSWIk5Ski4UTNZTUY1STAxUDhEV1czWC4u>

Pupils working at home are also asked to complete their own survey to let us know how they are feeling about remote learning. Reception/ KS1 children will need support to complete this questionnaire. KS2 should be able to complete this independently

### Pupil Questionnaire

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=D7gAatBevE2eHOWQxVV-CnkTAiWtDzFCs1v5CoIwT8hUOEPTMVZGV1JHVVFIMFg1MkEyTkrBUE1UUC4u>

### Covid-19 Symptoms

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature - this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough - this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste - this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Please limit what your child brings into school. Due to Covid-19 restrictions they should only have essentials with them i.e.: coat, medication, book bag with reading book and homework book when applicable.

If you have any concerns or queries please phone or email to arrange an appointment. At the moment parents are unable to come into school without prior appointment.

Yours sincerely

H Ward  
Headteacher

