



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much for your ongoing support for remote learning. We do appreciate how difficult juggling work, several children and household chores, many of our staff working from home are in the same position. Most of the children are engaging really well with their learning and submitting their work for teachers to mark. It is really important to do so, to enable teachers to give feedback and plan next steps in learning.

I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing children's work on Showbie and EYFS learning on Tapestry. Please tell your children that I am very proud of them.

The live discussions at 9am and 1pm are proving a very popular way for children to stay connected and from next week we will be introducing live Teams registration sessions. I have attached a Teams meeting etiquette guide which all staff and pupils are expected to follow in order to keep everyone safe online. Log in details and instructions will be sent out by your child's class teacher prior to the start of the sessions.

Once these are up and running, we will introduce a live celebration worship to share our effort of the week certificates on Friday afternoons. Further information to follow.

In order to provide maximum support to pupils, teachers will be available on showbie to answer questions and offer help and support during the first half hour of English and Maths lessons. If you or your child have any questions outside these times or require support with technology, please telephone, text or email the academy office and a member of staff will be able to help.

Next week, we are focussing on children's mental health and wellbeing. There will be daily activities planned to support children's wellbeing. As part of this, we will introduce '**screen free Wednesday**' as a break from remote learning for both children and families. Each Wednesday afternoon, there will be a selection of screen free challenges for children and families to complete. Please do tweet, upload to Showbie or tapestry or email photos to the academy office. There is now a mental health and wellbeing tab on the academy website with information and support for child, families and staff, if you require any further support please contact Miss Middleton, who will be happy to help.

Thank you also for letting us know when children are unwell or have appointments, this helps staff to know who will be able to access home learning every day.

EYFS parents should continue to use the Tapestry app to share learning with class teachers. Mrs Grounsell has uploaded reading books for children and there is a video on the Reception page of the academy website to explain how we use the books. If you need help to access this, please phone the academy office and one of the EYFS team will help.

If you need a new exercise book, there is a supply in a contactless collection box at the main academy entrance, please do help yourself.

Nursery provision:

We are now able to offer full time nursery places in our lovely EYFS unit. If you require a place for after Easter or September, please do contact the academy office. As a school nursery, we are able to offer a full early year's curriculum which fully prepares our children for their Reception year.

Wrap around care:

Thanks to all those who responded to the out of school provision questionnaire last week. I am currently working on plans to provide wrap around care from September 2021. I will be sending out a further questionnaire in the Summer term to enable families to book places.

A reminder for those families whose children are attending school:

PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children should wear school uniform on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays.

Communication:

We will continue to email and text information out to you all. Please do check our website regularly and the section home learning for links to class timetables.

Don't forget to follow your child's class on Twitter for regular updates about learning, activities, clubs etc.

@owls_KSM

@robins_KSM

@Nightingale_KSM

@kingfishers_KSM

@brunel_KSM

@windsor_KSM

@Darwin_KSM

Illness:

Please do contact the school office if your child is feeling unwell and we can advise on any action needed.

Should your child become unwell during the school day, the office will contact you to collect your child. Please ensure we have the correct / update contact details for yourselves and any other emergency contacts you have given us. Please note the office opens from 8.30am. **You can also text us on 07786 208450 at any time.**

Safeguarding and Support:

The welfare of our children is always our priority. If you ever feel you need to talk to anyone in school regarding safeguarding or any welfare issues we can help with, please contact the office and ask to speak to Mrs Rowlandson or Miss Middleton who are the Designated Safeguarding Leads, if they are not available please speak to Mrs Birchall who is the Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead.