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News to You - Weekly Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

Once again, thank you for the amazing efforts you are going through to balance all that you are doing during this national Lockdown, whilst supporting our children and school community.

Remote Learning

Once again, can I celebrate the commitment and resilience of our pupils and families as we continue to see between 96% and 100% of our pupils attending daily live lessons and 1:1 sessions at home. During this difficult time, understandably there may be occasions when your child is unable to attend a session for a variety of reasons. If you know in advance, please contact your child's class teacher via the MST chat.

Thank you to all parents/carers who completed the Remote Learning Evaluations. Thank you for your overwhelmingly positive comments – they definitely gave our staff a morale boost!

Our Remote Learning Leads, Miss Leighton and Mrs Wilson, are currently contacting parents and carers in response to their feedback and are collating a document listing our next steps. This will be sent to you on completion.

Some parents/requested work booklets/packs for pupils. Packs have already been made and distributed for EYFS and KS1 pupils. KS2 packs (Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6) are available for collection on the following dates and times:

Y3/4 and Y5/6 Elwick—Tuesday 9th February between 1.30 and 3.00.

If you are unable to collect the packs at this time, please contact your child's class teacher who will arrange a mutually convenient collection time.

Please note that these packs are optional and cannot be returned to school due to COVID Protective measures. However, if your child needs support or guidance, please contact your child's class teacher via MST.

Vouchers

For those families eligible for free school meals, support will be provided over February half term. A member of the school admin team will be in touch with eligible families this week to discuss what this support will look like.

Vulnerable and Critical Worker Pupils

We are noticing an increase in the number of requests for critical worker places in school and, as a result, we may need to review places in line with government updates and capacity within the building. The DFE states **that critical workers should keep their children at home if they can**. It may be that places are not needed every day and **on the days that they are not needed we ask that you keep your children at home**. The booking forms **MUST** be completed weekly for those requiring a place.

COVID Testing for Primary School Staff

As you will know from my communication last week, school staff are now administering home COVID tests twice a week. If a member of staff tests positive, we may need to close a bubble in school as a precautionary measure until we receive additional guidance from Public Health England. Sadly, if a bubble does have to close, parents/carers will receive an automated text on an evening informing that the children who have been in the critical worker and vulnerable bubble need to isolate. The following day, a member of the school team will contact parents/carers of pupils affected with further details and action going forward.

We completely understand that the short-term notice of a bubble closure may cause additional stress to parents. Remote learning will be available the following day but there is no expectation that your child/children switch to remote education immediately. If you have any worries or concerns, please share them with the school team who will be more than happy to work with you to support and guide you through this process should you need them.

Take care and be safe.
Mrs Hill

AWARD WINNERS

Rainbow Award

EYFS—Oliver Bonner/Thomas Hosker
Y1/Y2— Harrison Dignen/Charlie Woodward
Y3/Y4— Poppy Jobson/Vincent White
Y5/Y6— Harry Dickson/Maddy Moore

St. Peter's Key

EYFS—Lily-Mae Stiller/Bobby Wharton
Y1/Y2— Penny Grimston/Isabella Wells
Y3/Y4— Freya Watson/Hannah Wells
Y5/Y6— Freddie Elsdon/Lucia Huntington

Golden Quill

EYFS—James Bryan/William Davis
Y1/Y2— Matilda White/Isla Kirk
Y3/Y4— Leo Mckee/Elizabeth Lavelle
Y5/Y6— Matilda Blyth/Cody Hall

Maths Award

EYFS—Theo West/Frank Hughes
Y1/Y2— Azeem Ahmed/Rocco Da Rocha
Y3/Y4— Elizabeth Lavelle/Grace Ambler
Y5/Y6— Joshua Loughton/Zacharie Davison

Reminder of Drop off and Collection times

Early Years

Drop off: 9.05am
Collection: 3.05pm

Years 1 and 2

Drop off: 8.55am
Collection: 3.15pm

Years 3 and 4

Drop off: 8.45am
Collection: 2.55pm

Years 5 and 6

Drop off: 8.45am
Collection: 2.55pm