

15th January 2021

Dear Parents

Is it only 9 days since we all moved into lockdown and began Critical Worker and Home Learning! Thank you all for your support and understanding as we've moved into this different way of working, I appreciate it brings with it significant challenges for everyone. It is great that in that time we have also been able to get vouchers for lunches to families, secure laptops through the DfE and donations as well as support families in need of additional data. We will be in touch regarding the laptops shortly.

Home Learning Survey

I am sure we will continue to refine our provision as the weeks go on but I am keen to have an understanding of how the home learning is going for the children and families. Appreciating it is not what any of us want and in the spirit of building consistency and accessibility for the children; if you have time to return a questionnaire thorough the link below, that would be very much appreciated. We can then look to see what we can focus on as we move forward.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdcl_uVnu4NLAvG5PQgwh55xNY3liv7_hLveX0wbw7YIPkCdw/viewform?usp=sf_link

Chats with Mr Paterson

It has been wonderful to speak to the children through Zoom this week and see what they've been up to. I've seen pets, constructions, books, games, artwork and so much more, so thank you! If your child would like a chat with me, do book a slot through the Parent Mail link sent previously. Please don't make them, it's only if they might like to share something or to just have a chat for 10 minutes or so.

SATs Tests Cancelled

In case you have not heard, the DfE have shared that this year's SATs for Yr 2 and 6 have been cancelled, as has the phonics assessment in Yr 1. We are waiting to hear what will be in its place, previously we sent the teachers' assessments. As we hear more we will pass that on.

Teams Meeting and Ways to Contact Teacher

Thank you for joining the year group Teams meetings, not only is it great to see the children and explain some of the work but it supports our safeguarding too as we do not need to disturb you so regularly with phone calls. If your child does find the work tricky, please do use the Yr group email or Dojo to reach your teachers and they will be in contact to help. Yr R have Tapestry and Yr 6 has Google Classrooms and you are able to message your teacher through that.

Some families have asked for exercise books. I appreciate not everyone will be able to collect one, but we will leave some in reception if you would like to collect one as part of your daily exercise.

Have a lovely weekend, keep safe.

Yours sincerely

J Paterson, Headteacher