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NEWSLETTER Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and are managing to stay safe & healthy! Week 3 has been another very successful week of remote learning and in-school provision thanks to your wonderful support– your positive messages give the staff a real lift, so thank you for those. We are delighted that so many families are enjoying the activities at home and seeing their teachers in live lessons, catch up calls and on the video clips.

In school the children here have been fantastic and are working hard and I have been especially impressed by those who are only in for part of the week as they are managing to carry on their learning at home in exactly the same way as they are at school – fantastic work everyone! The children at home are doing brilliantly with the majority uploading their work for their teachers to see – keep the work coming, and well done for getting on so well with your activities at home!

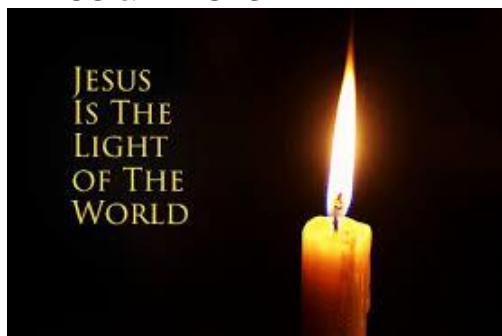
We are tracking engagement with learning of all our children to ensure that weeks of learning are not lost and children do not fall behind.

Teachers will be contacting parents when we see a lack of engagement so that we can help remove any barriers to learning at home and support you.

Communication between home and school is crucial during this period and myself and the staff will continue to listen and tweak what we are doing to help our families navigate through remote learning. Now the government have made us aware that they do not attend to open schools until March 8th at the earliest it is even more vital that we stay in touch; so please continue to talk to staff and ask questions if you have any concerns or worries. The staff are committed to ensuring children stay engaged and motivated during this lockdown and that anxieties and worries do not start to build. We would welcome some feedback about what's going well and some even better ifs. To this end we would ask you to complete this very short and simple survey to help us understand remote learning from your point of view.

Please click here to complete our remote learning survey: This link will close on 02.02.21
https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=yQ0V4_Sec0WRRGeMKx2k_aUJck6_tH9FgXXUjXVK-ZUQIFLREJIQkEwVE02TjdPVVgxMFBRTNIRS4u

ETHOS & VALUES



Christian Calendar

Candlemas, or the presentation of Christ in the temple, is celebrated on 2nd February. According to the Gospel of Luke, Simeon held baby Jesus and called him a Light to the World. In a world that can seem dark and lonely, may we shine like lights bringing hope and joy into each other's lives.

The Story of Simeon in the temple:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/clips/z2wmpv4>

Values: Truthfulness

Is honesty always this best policy? This question always prompts an interesting discussion in class.

You can find a Truthfulness Home School Values page under 'Our Ethos' tab on the school website. This contains lots of fun ideas for exploring the value together.



STAFF TESTING IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

You will have seen in the media that from Monday 25th January primary schools have been provided with testing kits for staff to carry out lateral flow self-tests (LFDs) at home before they come into work. The purpose of this programme is to identify more of the 1 in 3 people who are likely to have coronavirus but have no symptoms. By identifying these individuals, it reduces the risk of them spreading the infection in schools. With 16 staff to cater for, we have organised a testing schedule, with testing staggered across the week. Staff working 4 or 5 days a week will be testing themselves twice a week, whilst staff who work fewer days will only test once a week. They must report their test results to NHS Test and Trace and also report them to school; we have to keep a register of all the tests carried out and the results, as well as continuing to do our day jobs of educating the children. The testing is not mandatory, although staff are encouraged to take part in order to improve the chances of minimising the spread of infection.



At this stage there is no testing of children in primary schools, only staff.

LANDSCOVE LEARNERS – at home and school



From PE to global issues, class 4 have been busy!

Everything has gone a bit cosmic in C1 these last couple of weeks- there's been rockets, aliens & trips to the moon. 🚀👽🌕

The C1 team have been so proud of the children (and their grownups) for working so hard & embracing their home learning tasks. Keep it up everyone!





African sunsets & animals



MENTAL HEALTH & WELL BEING – a message from Mrs Field

As we find ourselves in another period of Lockdown & Home schooling (I heard the phrase 'emergency schooling' last week and think that suits this situation better!). I would like to think about 'self-care' for you, the grownups! We hear this phrase banded around all the time, but it is important that we try and apply it.

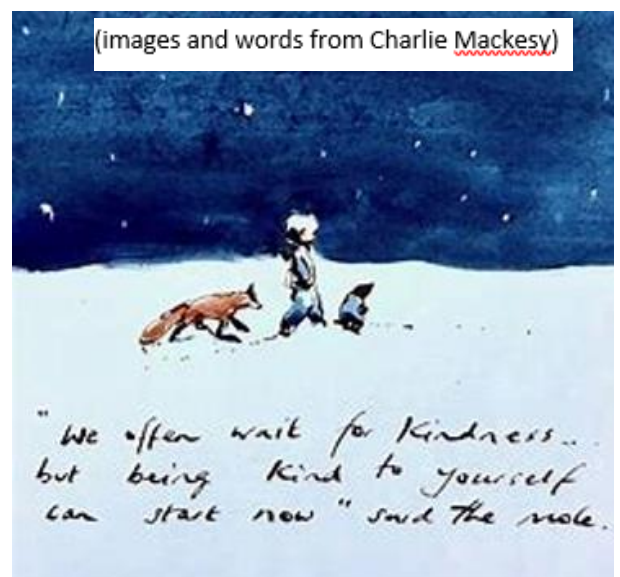
We all find ourselves in the same storm, but we are not all in the same boat! We are not all experiencing this in the same way. I think that one of the biggest things we need to do is be kind, not just to each other, but also to ourselves.

Self-care IS about doing the exercise, drinking the water, reading the book, carving out some time for ourselves.

However, it is also about the inner self-talk & the expectations we put on ourselves. We just want to say if you are finding this hard (who isn't?), give yourself a break & be kind to yourself. You are doing better than you think & we think you are doing great!

Mrs Field

PS, Please don't forget Mrs R's Wellbeing Wednesday activities!



Children's Mental health week is coming up. This website has some nice ideas for parents to support this at home. Look out for activities from your teachers next week.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Parents and Carers - Children's Mental Health Week 2021

Parents & Carers. The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is Express Yourself.. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity.

www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk

READING AT HOME

Last week the Oak National Academy and the National Literacy Trust announced the launch of the Virtual School Library. This is a fantastic opportunity to get access to free e books, as every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide a free eBook, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

You can access the Virtual Library here:

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Happy reading!



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Fri 12th Feb School closes for half-term
- Mon 22nd Feb School re-opens
- Tues 23rd Feb Parent's Evening calls & Thurs 25th Feb Parent's Evening calls . Further information to follow.

That's about all the news for this fortnight.

Please remember that we are here to help and support you at this challenging time and we are very proud of you all.

Have a safe, fun weekend everyone.

Jill Ryder.