



## **NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2021**

### **MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD**

According to the dates for the current academic year, we should have been holding our Parent's Evening meetings next week. Clearly, it is not going to be feasible to have parents sitting on small chairs outside classrooms as we have traditionally done! Your child's teacher will be contacting you over the next two weeks in order to schedule a telephone consultation. We have had difficulty reaching a few of our parents by telephone during our rounds of pastoral phone calls, so if you have not heard anything by the middle of next week, please email your child's teacher to arrange a mutually convenient time.

As it is clear that we will need to carry on with the current home learning arrangements for a while longer, we will be hosting reading book drop in sessions from the week beginning 8th February. These were popular during the summer term restrictions and we believe that it will be helpful for our families to revisit this scheme. Watch this space for further details!

I am aware that the home learning that is being delivered to the children requires a considerable amount of printing. As a school we are happy to print off the weekly work for your child, if that is something that you require. Just let us know that you would like to take advantage of this facility. However, could I make a plea, that if you do order a printing pack you pop along to school to collect it - or let us know that you require it to be delivered - as there are currently 15 packs of work for this week that have been printed off and have not been given out.

Well done to everyone who took part in Mr Bradley's Kahoot quiz on bird watching this week - just before the House Challenge Bird Watch Weekend. There will be Super Bowl and Good Health Week activities coming up shortly, with everything available on the website. These are a great alternative if you are struggling to persuade your child to engage with the learning that has been allocated to them.

Finally, we are aware of just how much harder this lockdown seems to be than the first one in April. As your child's head teacher I have two comments to make. Please do not agonise if your child is not as motivated to complete their work as you would like. Some day we will be able to return to normal and our teachers will do their best to try to address any gaps that have appeared with regards to learning. Your child's wellbeing is hugely important. Secondly, please do not hesitate to contact us if there is anything that you need specific help on. We have seen an increase in the number of families who are not coping as well as they would hope. Please don't suffer in silence, if we can't actually help, we may be able to put you in touch with an agency that can.

## H.S.A SCHOOL LOTTERY

Thank you to our families who have already bought tickets! The first draw takes place on the 27<sup>th</sup> February so there is still time to join in! With fundraising events being so limited for our H.S.A at the moment this is a great way to help support us raise funds.  
Thank you!



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