



Dear Parents and Carers,

**I hope you have had a reasonable week with your families. I am attaching to this newsletter our Remote Learning Plan for this half-term, which I hope clearly summarises our provision for all pupils, and also our expectations of your engagement with this.**

Zoom Lessons in KS2

You will see that we are extending the amount of live lessons we are offering for Key Stage Two children, which I hope will be a very welcome amendment to the daily plans. We are now scheduling two live sessions a day for children in these year groups. Each child in Elm, Hazel, Larch and Oak classes will be expected to attend these lessons if possible, and we will be logging attendance and contacting you when children are not joining these. As with all things, there will be the odd occasion where your child cannot join a meeting, but generally this will be our expectation for all pupils in KS2.

Hazel class have already been doing these meetings for the last few weeks and there has been excellent attendance and very positive feedback from parents and children. The children are highly motivated and have really benefited from time to engage with their teacher and peers each day. They know what is expected in terms of their learning, and have a chance to ask questions and make comments.

Exercise Books for Home-Learners

To ensure that children are able to present work to our normal high expectations and keep work in one place, we are providing a new A4 exercise book for every child working from home. These are in the front entrance, and will be available for you to pick up from Monday first thing. It is very important that we are seeing the learning that the children are producing, at least on a weekly basis- this helps teachers to assess what the next steps will be and plan suitable follow-up lessons, and support with individual children should they struggle or find work too easy. Please upload photos of the work in the book or other learning to Tapestry as usual.

KS1 Pupils

Children in KS1 will have a weekly Zoom meeting, but we intend to stick with the daily videos teachers are posting currently on Tapestry. This gives parents with younger children, the flexibility they will need to plan their daily timetables, taking into account children's concentration, mood and motivation. Again, we have very positive comments from parents about these. Keep us informed via Tapestry of how things are going- myself and Mrs Stranger have an overview of the entire site, and it has been very encouraging to see your contributions.

Reminders

Please ensure that pupils come into school in sufficiently warm layers, including long sleeve tops, as we have to have windows open for ventilation. We are waiting on an engineer to take a look at our oven (currently not working) so it is likely that we will have to do cold school lunches on Monday again, unless we inform you otherwise.



I am very proud of what we have managed to achieve as a school in a very short space of time. This is a very full Remote Learning offer for a primary school, but the main thing now is that your children access what we are offering so that we minimise the detriment to their learning that will inevitably have occurred from this time out of school. Your support is crucial in this.

I hope you all manage to get outside at the weekend, or do some baking, or drawing together, and take a break from machines and technology. Turn off your emails and social media, and go and do something else instead- that's certainly what I intend to do with my family! Take care of yourselves, and I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the assembly on Monday.

Warm wishes,

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