Newsletter February 2021



No Limits to Learning!

What a busy half term we have had! The school year is flying by and already we are into the 2nd term and the lead up to Spring.

Welcome and Goodbye!

A very warm welcome to Ms Hodge who as you know has joined us as our Child and Family Support Worker. Many of you have already spoken to her on the phone as she helps to support you with your child's learning or accessing support from various Borough services.

It is lovely to welcome back Mrs Stack who has been off sick but she is back with us for a while until she goes on Maternity Leave at Easter.

School Life

As you know we are open at the moment for the children of Key Workers (criteria apply), vulnerable children and those in receipt of Free School Meals. However, we do have to balance our numbers attending with ensuring that our School is safe for the staff and children who attend. The guidance from the Government is still that children should stay at home if possible.

As a school we will always do our best to support you, but do please understand that our staffing ratios change frequently. Just like many businesses, some of our staff are working from home or may be isolating or shielding so it could be that we are at times operating on a skeleton staff.

Our Learning

As you know all of our learning for children at home is on TEAMS. Please be aware that every child should be accessing learning (some adaptations have been made for some children). There are many benefits to TEAMS, one of the main one being that the children can interact with each other and staff.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD IS BEHAVING APPROPRIATELY WHILST ON TEAMS

Top tips can be viewed on the school website and we will continue to send other advice and guidance out to you. We do know and understand how difficult home learning can be so do please use the guidance on the website to help and support your family.

Remote Learning Questionnaire

It would really help us if you would complete the Remote Learning Questionnaire that went out to you last week. We have worked really hard to ensure that the learning is high quality yet accessible and appropriate, but we would like to hear back from you and your child.

Here is the link if you have not had the chance to complete it yet. <u>https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=sLBbvvqwOk-</u> <u>cOj15BYgjWF_tP_F8L_tHhmV8WFX5PVNUM0dLM1hLU0RURVpHSVIUTjVUV</u> <u>kIxVk8wUy4u</u>

Events coming up and things to watch out for

As we move into March do keep an eye out as of course we will be celebrating World Book Day and Comic Relief. Our staff have their thinking caps on at the moment trying to come up with some great ideas.

There is also a great Facebook page for Wraysbury and Horton where there are often a wealth of ideas and we will send information out by email too. It is called "We're all in it together"

Mufty Day for children in school Friday 12th Febraury

In order to celebrate the end of this half term we are having a Mufty Day on Friday and the children can come out of school uniform. We would suggest that they wear warm and comfortable clothes suitable for school.

Just to remind you that Half Term is next week! School is closed for the week and reopens on Monday 22nd February.

However, we do need to remind you that we are still in Lockdown for Half Term. Nobody should be mixing with others on playdates or sleepovers. Please do not visit family or friends for a social occasion. Please remember that if you bend or break the rules you are putting our school staff and children at risk. ⊗



Calling all budding artists! This half term we will be having a virtual paint party hosted by the wonderful Judi Robinson.

Join us on Thursday 18th February at 2pm to paint Ozzy the Owl!

A paint pack including a 12x10 canvass, acrylic paint and brushes is available to buy for £5 per person.

Please RSVP to this event by Friday 12th February, commenting below this post and letting us know how many kits you require. Payment should be sent via PayPal to: judiknaggs@hotmail.com

Feel free to use your own supplies if you have them. All ages and abilities welcome.

Lots of fun... good for the soul and a perfect opportunity to create a lockdown masterpiece!