



# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Firstly we hope that you are all safe and well. It continues to be a difficult and testing time for everyone not least those of you juggling work, child care and home learning. The pressures on everyone are immense. Please reach out to us if you have any concerns or questions. Mrs Lowe and myself will endeavour to contact you as soon as we can.

As we have said before, there are many factors which are both out of our control and your control when it comes to the virus. As I write this there is no specific timeline or information regarding schools reopening further. As soon as we are told we will communicate with you.

In ensuring the safety of everyone in school and the community it is key that we only have children in school who are entitled to be here set out in the government criteria. Whilst we appreciate how difficult and frustrating home learning can be at times it is important to minimise numbers in school until infection levels in our area decline considerably. Thank you for your support with this.

## GOOGLE CLASSROOM

If you have any issues, please email us via the home support email:

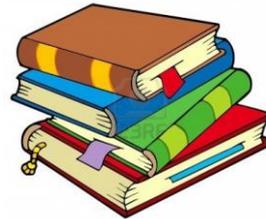
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As a staff we are constantly evolving our use of this facility. It is still new and we are ensuring that our provision is the best it can be under the current circumstances. Clearly some of you would like more and increased structure and others less and more flexibility. Because of these differing opinions there will be no pleasing everyone. We are also short staffed in certain phases currently and all the staff are working really hard to provide for those pupils in school and those engaging home schooling. Also we have to ensure that those not engaging are safe and begin to participate. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Also a reminder that there is a home learning page on our website for the initial set up with links to some help pages. Let us know if there are any other links that would be useful.

[Learning from home](#)

## WORLD BOOK DAY



World Book Day will be celebrated on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> March and we are inviting children to dress up as a book character if they wish to (this is not compulsory). Even though most pupils will be at home, teachers will be planning a zoom call with their class so that the children get an opportunity to show off what they are wearing and share a book related activity. Lessons for this day will be adjusted to incorporate book theme. We look forward to celebrating World Book day with you!

## PARENTAL CONSULTATIONS

Normally these are held for all pupils in mid-March but with the uncertainty around pupils coming back we will rearrange these at a point after all the children return. Our thought is to hold these once the children have been in a few weeks so the conversation can be a purposeful one about where the children are and next steps. Whilst hopefully these could be in person rather than via the phone etc it depends on what the regulations allow.

## SCHOOL TERM DATES

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February Half Term – School Closed	
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day