



# Weekly Update

05 February 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and are beginning to look forward to half term.

## **1:1 meetings**

Next week, we will provide Remote Learning packs in the normal way, but will only provide 3 days of live ZOOM sessions. In place of this, teachers will offer 10 minutes 1:1 appointments with children and parents to discuss their Remote Learning. This will only be for children who are at home. These sessions are not Parent Consultation appointments (we will not provide any assessment data or give children targets), however, they will be an informal 'touch-base' meeting to discuss what is working well, celebrate any success and agree any actions for the next half term. We would ask that these 1:1 sessions focus on your child's learning.

Appointments will be sent out on Monday and booked in the normal way - via Teacher2Parents. There will be one ZOOM invite for the whole class, and parents are asked to arrive 1 min before their allocated time, wait in the waiting room, and then teachers will admit you. Here are the dates that your child's teacher will be holding their Zoom meetings:

Mrs Giles	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Mrs Woodward	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Mrs Aulsberry	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Mrs Lucie	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Miss O'Shea	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Mrs Hughes-White	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Ms McArdle	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Ms Hill	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Mrs Davis/Mrs Russell	Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Mrs Kerslake	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Miss Stark	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Miss Mustoe	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Mr O'Brien	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Miss Hodge	Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Miss Garnham	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February

## **Remote Learning questionnaire**

We have created a Remote Learning questionnaire for parents to give SLT and governors any feedback on our Remote Learning offer and whole school provision during the lockdown. Your comments and feedback is important for us to ensure we are providing you with the best possible provision.

## **Key Worker places**

We have reached capacity for our Key Worker places in many year groups and are now holding waiting lists. We emailed parents currently accessing the Key Worker places yesterday to ask them to consider if their place is essential. If you are a Key Worker and need a space, please continue to email us and we will do our utmost to support you. However, please be aware there are very few places left.

### Nursery Places

During this lockdown we have kept nursery children and reception children together in one bubble. After half term, we will review the bubble and decide if we need to split this into two bubbles; one for nursery and one for reception children. If you have a nursery child, and would like a place, please email the office and register your interest. It is likely this new bubble will still have a capacity of 15 children and first priority will be vulnerable children and those of Key Workers.

### Laptops & Data/Sims cards

We have been allocating laptops and data cards to families over the last week. We are hoping to apply for some more from the DfE over the coming weeks. If you are in need of a laptop and/or a SIM data card, please contact the school office.

### Friends

Don't forget the Friends QUIZ NIGHT, on Friday 12th February. Just £5 per household – includes entry into a raffle. Pay online and then email friendsbirchhill@gmail.com with your chosen team name and we will reply with Zoom log in details. Please share with family or friends, the more the merrier! See the flyer for payment details. All money raised will be helping the school with a new climbing frame and more new paving.

### Home Learning Gallery



Year 3 Gingerbread Stonehenge and Cave Painting



Year 3 Cave Painting



Year 6 Rivers



Year 2 Dinosaur Clocks

