

Dear all,

Happy New Year and well, what a week!

I am sure you have felt challenged in many ways at home. There has been lots to process and a few challenges thrown in for sure but we have survived it ! Well done Gateway community for our shared efforts to make things work as well as they have for our children at what felt like a moment's notice. I have to thank all parents for their understanding and patience along with all our wonderful staff for their efforts and commitment when the going got tough! They really are a super team and I am proud to lead them all.

## So turning to practicalities :

Food packs for those eligible have been ordered and the original order had said for delivery on Thursday however this did not transpire as the services supplying have been flooded so please watch this space and we will let you know as soon as they arrive. Things should settle down next week and we will have a regular delivery day.

Device surveys have taken place and we will loan out to those indicating they have no resource at home for remote learning. Remember that Xbox and Playstation have the capability to turn Google Classrooms so if you have these then please trial first.

If you have data issues due to remote learning please let class teachers know as the DFE are offering supplies of extra GB's and dongles we can source for you, but we need all your details so do please get in touch.

I hope the remote learning is going well, if a little tricky at first. We are always willing to help so do please ask no matter how small your issue feels. I hope the remote offer is to your satisfaction. If not, please speak with class teachers in the first instance to resolve and we will do all we can to support or extend if you feel this is necessary. The critical worker status is the priority for school places and the priority within that category are NHS health workers and education staff however we will help where we can within the range of general critical worker categories to allow a place in school. We are continuing with Achievers Awards at home and with all other aspects of school where we can so it feels as normal for children at home as possible. Watch out for postcards home on Saturday instead of certificates in school for those trying extra hard.

So after a very, very busy week, I hope you get chance for a lovely relaxing weekend and of course as always if anyone at all is struggling and finding things hard right now, then that is so understandable but don't suffer; contact us in one of the many ways you can and we will do all we can to help in what are very difficult times for you all. For now have a lovely weekend and stay very very safe! Best wishes, Mrs Robinson

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# Nursery families.

Just a reminder that applications for your child starting Reception close on Friday 15th January 2021.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – SEPTEMBER 2021

# PRIMARY APPLICATIONS

If your child was born between **1st September 2016** and **31st August 2017**, you must apply for a Primary School Reception place for September 2021. (Applications are required for all children with a 4th birthday between 1st September 2020 and 31st August 2021).

# APPLY FOR A SCHOOL PLACE ON-LINE AT: www.blackpool.gov.uk/schooladmissions

# Achievements this Week







**Star Award** 

## Core Award

NN- Sacha Reception - Kuba Year 1 - Morgan Year 2 - Shaye 3B- Khurshida 3G- Skyla Year 4 - Ebonie 5B- Jacob 5G- Neon-Chase Year 6 - Nicola

## Learning from home

NN- Dante and Liliana RB- Ethan and Michal RG- Cole and Lucy 1B- Penellope 1G- Ashton 2B- Casey-Leigh 2G- Tilly Year 3 - Caitlin 4B- Isla-Grace 4G- Charlotte Year 5 - Chole and Neon-Chase 6B- Georgie 6G- James









## GET THE LATEST GATEWAY GOSSIP!

It has been a very strange week, starting off in school and then suddenly going into home learning. The team would just like to say a BIG well done and thank you for all the support and the learning you are doing at home. Here's some fantastic learning that has been taking place at home and in school from our EYFS family.

















# Staff Shoutout!

Well done Simon, Audra, Julie, Emma for doing an amazing job at keeping Gateway a safe place to be!





Well done Mr Walsh for going above and beyond the call of duty.



Headteacher Award EYFS - Cole KS2 - Mackenzie Alfie Upper KS2 - Tyler