



February 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents / Carers,

Here we are in the middle of a full lockdown, since we all arrived back on the first day and already January is over and we can start looking forward to February when Spring will be around the corner.

Spring is always a time for hope and better weather with lighter nights – surely a glimpse of a better future for our children?

To those families at home – well done for all your support and hard work. We know how hard it is this time around, especially if you are juggling with your own work at home too.

To those families at school – well done for turning up each day with a smile on your faces! Your children may well be the lucky ones as we are close to full capacity across the school, with 45% of our children on site, compared to a national picture of 21%.

Let's remember – we are still all in this together and we are trying to keep everyone safe.

I hope you are all keeping well. It is tough, but we will get through this!

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Reminders again!

The government message is that if children can stay at home, then they should stay at home.

ClassDojo remains Enfield's platform for communication and access to the daily learning.

Children should engage with all learning activities set daily by the teacher

Seek help if you need it – you or your child

Contact school if someone tests positive or if your child is not able to complete work at home – e.g. due to illness

Please ensure your child stays at home if he/she and/or a member of your household have any covid symptoms, then phone: 0300 303 2713 to book a test at Duchess St.



NEW to Home Learning soon...

In the older classes, we have been undertaking a trial, where the class teacher sets up a Microsoft Teams meeting for the children on site and those learning from home each week, so that the class can be together.

These meetings have been relatively successful, now that the initial technical issues have been resolved and rules have been set up to ensure we can safeguard the children online to keep them safe.

We are hoping to roll this out with all classes within the next week or so, which means that all of the children across all of the classes will have the opportunity to join a meeting to speak / listen to friends / teachers in each class.

The younger children will clearly need some help with this – and maybe adults too!

You will be provided with a guide to help you set up 'Teams' for your child, if you have not undertaken this before, so do not panic!

We are in the process of preparing for this next step, so please bear with us – individual emails need to be set up for every child and timings need to vary across the school to avoid a system overload.

The impact of this on the older children has been very positive for their well-being – the children regain motivation for learning and show a joy for being able to keep in touch. Watch this space!!

Reminder Dates for the Year 2021

Fri 12 Feb	Break up for half-term
Mon 22 Feb	Children return to school
Thurs 1 Apr	Break up for Easter
Tues 20 Apr	Children return to school
Fri 28 May	Break up for half-term
Mon 7 June	Children return to school
Fri 23 July	Break up for summer

Wed 1 September 2021

Start of the new Academic Year

Mon 8th March – possible re-opening of schools
(as announced by the government)