

Weekly Newsletter – 29th January 2021

We were all so disappointed, parents, children and staff alike by Wednesday's announcement that schools would not be reopening until at least March 8th! The classteachers would much rather be in front of their class than planning and delivering home learning and I know how much the children are missing being in school and seeing their friends. Above all, it has come as a real body blow to you our lovely parents. We recognise that many of you are juggling the home schooling of a number of children and working from home at the same time, as are a number of our staff.

Wednesday's news has led to it being a difficult week for us all and the dark nights and miserable weather haven't helped either. **If you are feeling overwhelmed please get in touch – we are here to support you, even if it is just to provide a listening ear.**

Fingers crossed we will return on 8th March – if so - we have already completed half the home learning – we are at the top of the hill and about to start the downward trail! So many of our children, even in our younger year groups, are completing their work increasingly independently. They really should be very proud of themselves. Thank you for the wonderful support you are providing too!

Informal Catch Up Sessions

It has been so lovely to catch up with so many of our children on zoom this week. It was fabulous to see so many smiling faces – we miss our children very much. It has also proved to be a good learning curve to using Zoom for children, staff and parents alike. A special thank you to parents for enabling their child to join these sessions as I know it requires a commitment from you. We will be running more sessions next week, so if you haven't yet returned permission form please can you do so. [Click here for Zoom form](#)

Please note we are not able to admit any device whose name we do not recognise for security reasons. If you are not able to change the name of your child's device and are left in the waiting room, please just ring school and let us know so that we can let you in, as we don't want any child missing out.

Questionnaire

The class teachers are working extremely hard to modify their plans to enable them to deliver meaningful home learning which covers the same curriculum your child would normally be following in school. (They are brilliant actors too as you wouldn't guess from watching their videos that a number have been poorly but battled on as they didn't want to let the children down!) The teachers are also responding to the work as quickly as they can so that the children hopefully feel their hard work is being valued. Thank you for encouraging your child to address the feedback as required.

We recognise that the experience of home learning probably differs for every child dependent on age and family circumstances. However, we would welcome your feedback on the current remote learning provision for your child. Please click on the following link [questionnaire](#).

Many thanks for your continued support, this is such a difficult time for every one. I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Best wishes Rhiannon Jones