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Weekly Newsletter – 5th February 2021

Congratulations on surviving your fifth week of home learning - just 5 days left before a week off school work!

I must yet again emphasise how very impressed the teachers and I are by the hard work of our children and parents! We have been blown away by the commitment and resilience shown by adults and children alike over the last 5 weeks. Almost every child in every class is completing at least their Maths and English every day – you are all amazing!

Feedback from the Remote Learning Questionnaire

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete the remote learning questionnaire last week. There was so much lovely feedback which was very much appreciated by the staff. We will be addressing all of the comments and hope to contact anyone who has raised questions next week.

I have summarised the findings below:

Amount of work:

- 78% felt your child is getting just enough home learning
- 0% felt there was too little
- 22 % felt there was too much

We are delighted that so many of you feel there is just enough home learning but recognise that this differs dependent on home circumstances. If you are feeling overwhelmed by the amount please speak to the classteacher or myself and prioritise the Maths, English, Spelling/Phonics. These are the key areas as they are taught sequentially and missing some sessions could impact on your child's understanding of a subsequent session

Independence :

- 17% reported that their children were completing home learning very independently
- 31% increasingly independently
- 50% somewhat independently

We recognise that your child is more likely to be independent the older they are but we were delighted to see how many of our younger children were becoming increasingly independent.

We received lots of positive feedback about the structure of the day – you felt that this supported you with keeping your child focused and working during a normal 'school day' .

Many of you commented that you felt the videos were very beneficial especially the opportunity to pause the video and re-watch it if needed. You also reported that being able to watch their classteacher in the videos was having a positive impact on your child's learning. Please do continue to encourage your child to watch the videos prior to completing the linked worksheet/activity as this ensures that they are receiving the teaching.

Zoom Social session:

- 91% of you found that your child had enjoyed the Zoom catch up sessions,
- 78% of you felt that weekly zoom sessions were the most manageable so we will continue to have them once a week.
- 59% of you preferred to have them at the same time every week so we will endeavour to do this from now on.

If your child hasn't had the opportunity to take part in the sessions they are more than welcome to join in next week. However, if you haven't yet returned the 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.

Lockdown Rules

Thank you to everyone for continuing to abide by the lockdown rules despite the frustration we are all feeling. Whilst the cases of COVID-19 are dropping on a national level they **are not locally**. **Fylde has seen an increase in cases and Kirkham and Wesham is considered to be a 'hot spot' at the moment with lots of local schools having to close bubbles**. Currently the number of cases in this area is higher than the national average. Therefore, it is vital that we all ensure that there is no mixing of households to minimise the risk of transmission. The sooner we can bring the number of cases down, the sooner we can all get back to school and some level of normality.

Children's Mental Health Week

This couldn't have arrived at a more appropriate time and the classteachers have tried to incorporate linked activities into our home learning this week. We feel that it is so important that we will continue to address it over the coming weeks too.

The theme this year is express yourself. Thank you to everyone who has emailed photos to Mrs Crompton –it's not too late to do so if you still want to.

It is important that we look after our mental health too ~ if you feel you need support please email Miss Crompton - Stacey.crompton@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk and she will get in touch with you. Alternatively you can contact me via classdojo, messenger or email or by ringing school.

Finally, many thanks for your continued support, this is such a difficult time for every one. Just one more week of home learning left, we close this Friday 12th February for half –term and re-open on Monday 22nd February.

Best wishes

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