

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

This is our first newsletter of 2021, and I truly wish it were one where we had all the children in school. Unfortunately that is not the case, but it has not stopped our children creating great pieces of work both in and out of school. More than ever, my thanks and appreciation go out to the parents and teachers of our school who are working hard to juggle home life, work life and home learning all at the same time. The effort that everyone is making has been amazing and, as a school, we will continue to try to enrich and develop what we are providing over the remaining time that we are in lockdown.

We have greatly appreciated the support and suggestions from parents and have, when possible, tried to act upon them. For example, we are aware that some families have found it difficult identifying notifications for live meetings and this is also causing some difficulty around planning home schedules for the week ahead. Due to this Mr Leonard and the teachers from each year group have been working together to create a weekly letter which indicates when live sessions will be taking place. The first of these should be arriving with you, via ParentMail, shortly.

We have also been creating 'Celebration Assemblies' for both home learning and work carried out in school. The home learning celebration assembly is being posted on the school's YouTube channel each Friday. This can be accessed via the link on the 'Virtual Celebration Assembly' letter which you should be receiving each week via ParentMail. The weekly letter can also be found on school website.

This week's assemblies have an added surprise, so I strongly recommend that children might want to watch it!

INSET Day - CANCELLED

Due to the governments current position that Primary schools will not be opening at least until 8 March the school has made the decision to cancel the INSET day on Friday 5 March so that we can continue to be open for Key worker and vulnerable children. This INSET day will be moving to **Monday 7 June 2021**.



Supporting reading at home

Reading with your child on a regular basis is hugely beneficial, although we do recognise that it is not always particularly easy - especially during lockdown. With this in mind we have attached two pages which may help to support you with reading with your children at home. This includes ideas about questions you could ask your child about what they have read and some tips to support them.

The Oxford Owl scheme gives you free access to a number of books to read online, and please get in touch with your child's class teacher if you would like further support.

<https://bit.ly/3sfXuIs>

<https://bit.ly/3eKQD2R>

Dates / Activities

Date	Activity
Friday 12 February 2021	Last day of school
Monday 15 - Friday 19 February 2021	Half term – School closed - no provision for key worker/vulnerable children.
Monday 22 February 2021	School open for key worker/vulnerable children.

Inset days

Monday 19 April 2021

Friday 28 May 2021

Monday 7 June 2021
