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Newsletter

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This Week at Wheatfield

Happy New Year! I would love to report that it has been a calm and gentle start to the term but, of course, you all know otherwise! That said, despite the upheavals, the whole community has once again risen to the challenges we are facing in a spirited and determined fashion.

I would like to say a big thank you to the staff team for hitting the ground running with both the home-learning and in-school offer – we really are incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated, flexible and motivated group of professionals.

And to all of our families – a similarly big thank you – your support, kind words, adaptability and willingness to get 'stuck in', once again, as educators is hugely appreciated.

Phil Winterburn - Headteacher

Our Home-Learning Offer

I am sure that most of you will be familiar with our home-learning offer by now but, for the sake of clarity, I wanted to summarise what you should expect from us, each week, to support your child's learning:

- ✓ A daily English (including phonics for younger children) or maths activity – this task will be posted on the school website the day before it is taught. Each task will be supported by a pre-recorded teacher video input which will be uploaded to the year team's YouTube channel.
- ✓ A weekly learning overview covering subjects other than English and maths – this will be posted on the school website the Sunday before the week in which it is taught. There will be two accompanying pre-recorded teacher video inputs to support this learning.

Video inputs may be from your child's teacher or their year team partner. Please remember that one teacher from each team is working in school full-time to support key worker provision.

- ✓ From next week, every class will also have two live catch up sessions with their teacher and class (on a Monday and Thursday). These will take place via Microsoft Teams (which we used for October's parents' evenings). Teachers will set up invites which will be sent out via the parent reps. If you are not part of the rep groups then please email teachers directly for the links.

This new, additional part of our offer will enable children to engage with one another, as well as their teacher, which we know many of them will be missing. If younger children are reluctant to join the sessions alone then parents are welcome to sit with them (and even speak on their behalf whilst they become familiar with the format). Teachers who are in school will run these sessions during the day enabling those children who are part of our key worker provision to also be included.

Exercise Books

Thank you to everyone who came in to collect exercise books for your children to work in. We have had well over 100 families do so. We really feel that this will help your children to value their work fully and maintain a high level of presentation during this period.

If you have not yet picked up your books (and pens / pencils) there will be a final opportunity on Monday 11th (9.30 – 11.00am) – drop into the hall via the rear fire doors (please wear a mask). ☺