

3rd April 2020

News from this week

Update

I hope that you are all keeping well and managing to keep yourselves busy during this very unusual period of time.

Thank you to all those children and parents that are keeping in touch with teachers via Clasdojo. If you are not on Clasdojo and would like a link, please email your child's classteacher (email addresses on the school website under Staff and Governors tab) and they will send you instructions. Please be aware that although school is closed, the teaching staff are working on a rota within our childcare for key workers and therefore may not reply as quickly as they might normally. All staff that I have seen have commented though on how nice it is to hear from children and families to know that they are keeping safe.

Thank you to those key worker parents who are only sending their children into school when they are needed in critical work situations and there is no one else at home able to care for their children. We appreciate this as it is helping us to keep our staff as safe as we can.

We are continually keeping up to date with the latest government advice and updates so that we can make plans as advice and guidance changes and will update parents as necessary.

In the meantime, while we are closed, please take care of yourselves and each other.

Free School Meal Vouchers

If you are currently eligible for Free School Meals, you should have received an email from Miss Redmond about the Government's voucher scheme that will come into force from week commencing 20th April. If you did not receive this, please text school to let us know your email address so that we can send the information to you. If you have any difficulties when this system is established, please don't hesitate to contact Miss Redmond (by telephone most mornings, via email or through text).

Free School Meals eligibility

We are aware that many families' circumstances have changed suddenly in the last few weeks and therefore families that were not eligible for Free School Meals previously may now be eligible. Families which are eligible for Free School Meals are being provided with £15 per child in a supermarket voucher from 20th April funded centrally by the government. We have therefore attached a Free School Meals application form to this newsletter should anyone need to now make an application. If you have any difficulty printing this form,

please contact school and we can arrange for a form to be posted out to you.

Lottery

We are still drawing our weekly lottery with two different parents winning it over the last two weeks. If you would like to purchase a lottery number for the Summer term, it would be £13 which you can pay via schoolcomms. The office team will then contact you for confirmation of which number you would like. If you had paid for the Spring term, all your draws have now taken place.

Home Learning

We are posting a weekly set of work for each year group on the newsletter section of our website. The next set will appear on Friday 17th April ready for the first week back after the Easter holidays.

As we would now be breaking for the Easter holidays, I have set our normal Spice homework for the whole school which is attached to this newsletter. We hope you enjoy completing it. I would love to see any photos sent to me via Clasdojo!

Stay Safe and Take Care – We're all thinking of everybody in TeamWithinfields at this time even though we can't be together!