

8th January 2021

News from this week

Learning packs

Thank you for your commitment to your children's learning this week. We have just changed over all the learning packs ready for collection and have been please that so many have been collected and so few are left from the first set.

Please can we ask that even if you are sending photos of the children's work to be marked rather than returning the work itself that you please bring any plastic wallets and folders back each time you return for the next pack. This would help us financially rather than having to keep replacing them each week but also helps the planet!

As explained on ClassDojo last night, the packs of work for Y1 to Y6 go with the videos of teaching that will be posted each day. The learning videos will be on Google Classrooms (Y1 to Y6) and on ClassDojo for Reception. If we have technical difficulties, as we are all new to this too, we will post videos to ClassDojo. We are hoping to move to posting more work on Google Classrooms but want to make sure that everyone can login before we rely on this more.

As always, any problems, questions or worries about the learning, contact your child's classteacher in the first instance. If you have worries or concerns about your child's wellbeing or mental health, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Lowerson from Monday to Thursday or myself on Fridays. We are both working at school.

Packs for next week are available at school for collection anytime from 7.30am each morning to 5.30pm each evening except Friday when the office is closed at 4pm. As the weather is not great today, we completely understand why you may want to wait until Monday to collect your pack.

Information for next week

School Dinners

School dinners are available in school for those that are accessing childcare. I wrote before Christmas explaining that we were having work done on the kitchen and had planned for sandwich provision this week. In addition to this work, our dishwasher broke in the last week of term and so we are having to replace this also. This means that next week, we will be continuing with sandwich provision but hope to resume hot meals for those in school from the third week. Thank you for your patience in bearing with us while we get this essential work done.

Zoom sessions

We are holding zoom sessions for children to keep in touch with their year groups from next week. They will

start off taking place twice a week for each year group and we will see how well this works and how valuable children and staff find these. It may be that these increase in regularity as time goes on but we also don't want to overload the broadband at school by having too many zoom meetings at once!

The meetings will take place as follows:

Monday and Thursday at 9.30am	Year 6
Monday and Thursday at 11am	Year 2
Monday and Thursday at 1pm	Reception
Monday and Thursday at 2pm	Year 1
Tuesday and Friday at 9.30am	Year 3
Tuesday and Friday at 11am	Year 4
Tuesday and Friday at 1pm	Year 5

We will send the meeting details via text messages so that you have the right details for your child's meeting. The children in school will be part of the zoom call from the classroom. If you have other commitments in your family at home at the time of the zoom, please do not worry if your children miss it.

Please make sure that all people in the home know that your child is on zoom to the rest of their year group during the call so that we don't get any unwanted video or audio footage during the calls. Please make sure that your child is appropriately dressed for the calls.

Other information

Raffle

Many thanks to those families that supported our Christmas raffle either by donating gifts or buying tickets. The raffle managed to raise over £800 which is really fabulous as we are not able to fund raise in other ways at the moment.

Withinfields' Lottery

We will be continuing to hold our Withinfields' Lottery during lockdown so please do not hesitate to buy a ball when you come to collect your child's work each week or pay online and we will ring you so that you can choose your number. The more people that are in it, the greater the prize money!