

*Learning Together To Make A Better Future*

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## News from this week

### Learning packs

Thank you for your continued commitment to your children's learning this week. The packs are ready for next week. Thank you also to the parents that provided feedback on the Remote Education that you are receiving. The responses were helpful to us and where you were experiencing issues, we have tried to provide support to get you up and running. If you didn't get chance to complete the survey, please follow this link and give us your thoughts.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXIYPUR8R3J7SMSdYsQqDgKE\\_E\\_rl\\_9yvbaFCktZLKMU61MA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScXIYPUR8R3J7SMSdYsQqDgKE_E_rl_9yvbaFCktZLKMU61MA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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.

### Remote Education

We are extending our provision next week to include new elements to our remote education offer.

We are introducing PE or Physical activity sessions each Tuesday and Thursday afternoon for those at home. Instead of posting different activities for each year group, Mrs Wilson, our PE leader, will post links to PE activities on ClassDojo which all the children in the family can engage with together.

We are also aware that children at home may be struggling with their emotional wellbeing and mental health and so Mrs Barton is starting a daily mindfulness activity. This will again be suitable for the different ages within a family so that all the children can engage with it at the same time if this is easier for families. It is meant to be a break from the academic learning that children are engaged in. These will be posted on ClassDojo each day.

Finally, for Key Stage 2 children, we will be offering French lessons. These will revise some of the learning that the children have covered already initially and will then start to introduce new learning. The sessions will be similar for all KS2 year groups so that if a family has more than one child in KS2, they can do this lesson together and practise speaking some of the phrases and vocabulary to each other. French will be posted in Google Classroom each Friday.

Assemblies will continue to be posted on ClassDojo and will offer a time of reflection and Mr Horner has been busy recording story sessions based on longer novels for some of the year groups which we hope everybody will enjoy.

Please do not worry if you don't get through all the work each day. Our advice would be to focus on the Maths and English (including Phonics for Reception and Year 1) if you need to cut down what you and your child are able to get through.

### Internet Issues

Following the power cuts in the village last weekend, we have had lots of issues with our internet and wifi this week. As our phone lines are connected to the internet, this has led to times when our phone system was out of action. If you ever have difficulties getting through on the phone to school with an urgent message, please send a ClassDojo message to Miss Redmond as she will be able to pick this up and will confirm she has seen it.

## Information for next week

### School Dinners

School dinners are back to a cooked food option alongside a sandwich option for those in school. The menu is the same each week and where possible will follow this pattern:

Monday
Tomato and Basil Pasta with garlic bread Tuna or ham sandwich Biscuit or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Tuesday
Fish fingers with herby diced potatoes and sweetcorn Tuna or ham sandwich Chocolate sponge and custard or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Wednesday
Roast Chicken Dinner Cheese or chicken sandwich Raspberry Ripple Mousse or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Thursday
Sausage butty with herby diced potatoes and beans Cheese or chicken sandwich Chocolate Fudge pudding and custard or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit
Friday
Pizza with chips and beans Cheese or ham sandwich Lemon drizzle pudding and custard or Yoghurt or Fresh Fruit

### Zoom sessions

We are continuing to hold zoom sessions for children to keep in touch with their year groups.

If you need details for the meetings, please contact your child's classteacher.

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.

The meetings 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

### **Other information**

#### 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!

#### Crowd funding

We are part of The Valley Learning Partnership and they are working in consultation with Calderdale Council and community organisations to end the digital divide for Calderdale pupils. If you are able to support this worthy cause, please follow this link:

<https://www.rocketfund.org/end-the-digital-divide-for-calderdale-pupils>

#### FSM vouchers

These are available for families with children eligible for Free School Meals in Reception to Year 6 where they are not able to attend school. This is through the national voucher scheme. Miss Redmond has ordered the vouchers and parents should have received their allocations. If you have any problems, please contact Miss Redmond.

#### Nursery for September

In the coming months, we will be starting to look at our Nursery intake for September. If you have a child that will be 3 years old by 31.8.21 please let Miss Redmond know if you would like them to have a place in our nursery. She will then be able to let you have the necessary forms to complete.