



NEWSLETTER 16 – Friday 8th January 2021

A positive quote to start with:

“Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies” Mother Teresa

Writing this newsletter after the week we have all had, it is difficult to know what to say. All the staff have been amazing in providing all the work, support and help this week whether in school supporting key workers, delivering lessons at home or putting work onto Google Classroom. There has been much new learning taking place for us as adults and I am sure you as parents too.

Google classroom is, once we got to grips with it, a great platform to access everything we need – revisions along the way have meant I think we are now in a place where it works much easier! Thank you for all the positive comments and feedback about it.

The letter I sent out this week explained clearly the expectations of children and with everything on google classroom and the teacher at their fingertips I hope this is easier than previously. I do however completely understand that there are many other aspects that are important and that you will be juggling many different things in your own families and lives. We also know that technology can have its blips and if you don't make it on the live lesson then please do not worry. We are providing learning for your child at home as we are expected to, and I know you will all be doing your best to achieve what you can.

If there is no communication e.g. emails or work completed on google classroom then we do need to make contact with you as a duty of care and see if there is any way we can support you further. Teachers have started to email parents if they have not heard from them this week.

Key worker provision and arrangements has been today shared for next week via T2P.

On the second page of the newsletter there are some fun activities you might want to try this weekend and some mindfulness tasks as well as a quiz. Make sure children switch off from work this weekend – don't worry if not everything has been completed for the week and enjoy some family time. Now my dad love quizzes, and I am sure like many of you, we had a number of them virtually with my family in the last lockdown! So please find 20 questions from my dad to have a go at – no cheating mind you – I will produce the answers next week!

Take care everyone.

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Important reminder for Keyworker families and children:

Please ensure you follow the one way system in and out of school as well as follow national guidelines with social distancing and wearing a mask/visor. Please do also remember, as before, that if your child or a member of your family develops symptoms please contact school immediately and self-isolate accordingly. If a positive test is received this also must be shared immediately so that the bubble can then self-isolate too as per the guidelines.

Phone: We have been having a problem with our phone line. BT are due to come out on Monday but in the meantime please call 01295 816074 in the school day. There is no facility currently to leave phone messages. The office email is being manned daily though so please do email. We can call out with no problems.

Street Tag Update

Well done to everyone who took part in our STREET TAG TEAM last term. **We finished in 2nd place** which means a cheque for £50 from the Oxfordshire County Council team will be on its way giving us a total of £200 to spend equipment to enhance health and wellbeing for our children.

The new term has started and you should now see that we are competing in a different league against the other top schools from around the county. At the moment we are in second place in this higher league so well done and keep up the good work through lockdown.

Ms Sambrook (Captain)

MRS SMITH'S DADS QUIZ! Round 1 General Knowledge

1. What is Boris Johnson's real first name?
2. Apart from Johnson, what is the only surname to have been shared by a British Prime Minister and a US President?
3. Which American football team won the first ever Superbowl?
4. Which Swedish businessman and engineer invented dynamite in 1867?
5. Which men's fragrance brand is named after one of the Three Musketeers?
6. If dogs are canine and horses are equine, which animals are ovine?
7. Which organisation has won the Nobel Peace Prize on 3 occasions – 1917, 1944 and 1963?
8. Which is the only country to have won 3 major international football trophies back to back having won Euro 2008 and 2012 and the World Cup in 2010?
9. The oldest daughter of Beyoncé and Jay Z shares her name with which colour?
10. Which word is both the measure of the purity of gold and the measure of the weight of precious stones?
11. What is the world's most southerly capital city?
12. Last August, Donald Trump cancelled a state visit to Denmark because they refused to sell what to America?
13. What won the Best Picture Oscar in February, the first film not in the English language to win the award?
14. Who has replaced Mrs White as a suspect in the game of Cluedo?
15. Who rode a horse called Black Bess?
16. Of which island is Funchal the capital?
17. Which is the only sign of the zodiac that is not represented by a living creature?
18. Which is the only mammal that is born with horns?
19. What are the two main ingredients of a Bloody Mary cocktail?
20. Which animal features on the UK road sign for a zoo?

Useful links for parents during the lockdown

Young Minds

<https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Anna Freud

<https://www.annafreud.org/coronavirus-support/support-for-parents-and-carers/>

NSPCC

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Admissions to Primary School:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/infant-and-primary-school>

3 November 2020

15 January 2021

Applications open.

Closing date for applications.

Online: Children and young people's lives have changed dramatically. With social distancing measures and most schools closing, children will be spending more time at home and online. And while the internet is a great way for children and young people to stay in touch with their friends and keep busy during lockdown, it can also bring risks. Now more than ever it's important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the apps and sites they're using. NSPCC have advice to help. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

MINDFULNESS WALK ON A RAINBOW

This is a simple activity that will allow you to be mindful of your surroundings.

Recap the colours of a rainbow then step outside and go for a walk looking for something that is each colour of the rainbow- simply take note of them in your mind.

Depending on the surroundings, some colours will be more difficult to locate than others; this is part of the fun! Try to keep walking until you've found an example of every colour.

When done, reflect on how it felt to be mindful of surroundings. Was it fun? Was it calming?

I hope that your family will enjoy this exercise.

JAZZY JAR OF JOY

You will need: a jar with lid, some strips of paper, pens, glue, stickers, pictures, sequins, buttons anything fancy to decorate the jar with.

Capture some joyful feelings and make a jar of joy Each write 3 joyful messages on the strips of paper – ask family to do them too; fold them and pop them in the jar. Take a joyful message whenever you need a smile and read it to yourself aloud three times (you might use some from your praise pocket)

Maybe start every day by picking out a message. Make it a daily activity for a positive start each day.