



NEWSLETTER 19 – Friday 29th January 2021

A positive quote to start with:

"When you focus on the good, the good gets better".

Well done to you all for reaching the end of another week - I am sure there are many successes you can reflect on. The RSPB work seems to have been received well, if you want further information for this weekend then please visit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

We have welcomed into school (largely virtually), Ms Rea, a student completing her PGCE at Oxford Brookes. This is a challenging time to be completing such training, but I am pleased that we can offer the assistance we are. She is mainly working with Toucans and Mrs Gosling but may appear in some other classes online lessons from time to time.

This week staff took their first Lateral Flow Test – all results returned as negative, but we shall be continuing to take these twice a week. If anyone does come back positive, then we need to close the bubble either temporarily or for the 10 days – this is to try and prevent the stream of transmission.

On this note please could I ask that all of you let the school know if you or your children do test positive or are needing to self-isolate. They are still trying to coordinate number of infections and with schools closed this is not as easy – this will help give a true reflection on numbers affecting our school.

Also, if your child is 'ill' at home, non Covid related, just like when we are open normally, please could you also let the school know 1) for our register and 2) so that teachers/staff know that your child is in fact ill and may not be able to access the work that day. We are still returning several different daily registers with different information and this would be very helpful. It would be best to email both your child's class teacher and the office. There is also a contact form on the front-page of the website you can complete too.

There is muting that schools may be able to reopen from 8th March – we currently know nothing more but as and when we do please be reassured we shall inform you of any arrangements. What we do know however is that school will be closed over February half term.

This week we have heard from a couple of families who have needed some extra support and guidance. Thank you for reaching out, we are here to help you and our checking in with you is to check that all is ok and to see if there is any more we can do. It is brilliant that that we have been in contact with every family and this will continue over the next few weeks.

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

On the second page of the newsletter, I have again included some activities you might want to try this weekend as well as round four of the quiz. You will find the answers to last week's quiz questions as an attachment.

Take care everyone.

Mrs Smith, Headteacher

Katherine House Santa Fun Run

Well done to you all for your work on this in December. We received in school this week our certificate and letter congratulating us on raising **£207.45**.

Street Tag- Keep going with the street tag

collecting. We are still in 2nd place which is fabulous!

Shout outs to: teamhaden, Stuart, Team Woodbridge, teamw and funky frog! How many tags can you collect this weekend? Do not forget to add your power hour to get triple points!

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.

Mrs Smith's Dads Quiz Round 4 – All Creatures Great and Small - All the answers contain the name (or names) of members of the Animal Kingdom

- 1 Which cartoon character made his first appearance in the 1928 film "Steamboat Willie"?
- 2 Girls Aloud's Nicola Roberts won the first series of The Masked Singer wearing what disguise?
- 3 The film "Babe" was based on which novel by children's author Dick King Smith?
- 4 What technique was used for the first time at the 1956 Melbourne Olympics?
- 5 Alex Turner is lead singer with which Sheffield band?
- 6 What is the only Shakespeare play with an animal in the title?
- 7 Which song was at number one for 11 weeks for Tones and I?
- 8 What is the name of the southernmost point on mainland Britain?
- 9 Real Madrid is an anagram of which butterfly?
- 10 What is cockney rhyming slang for a road?
- 11 Which British singer was married to German model Heidi Klum from 2005 to 2014?
- 12 What is the title of the best-selling single for Culture Club - their only US number one?
- 13 Grizabella, Mungojerrie and Rumpleteazer are characters in which stage musical?
- 14 Which Nintendo video game, launched in 1981, first introduced the character of Mario?
- 15 Which was the first published novel in the "Chronicles of Narnia" series by C S Lewis?
- 16 By what name is the lead guitarist of the Red Hot Chilli Peppers known?
- 17 What was the title of the first published book by children's author Judith Kerr?
- 18 Which breed of dog shares its name with the largest state in Mexico?
- 19 In the Lion King, what sort of creature is Timon?
- 20 Which duo have won the NTA Most Popular TV Presenter award a record 19 times?

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/>

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 is important to talk to your child about staying safe online and about the apps and sites they are using. NSPCC have advice to help. <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Sumdog Competition this took place over the last week and has now finished. Certificates of merit were awarded for being the daily winners: Toucans on the 25th Jan & Parrots on the 27th Jan. It was an Oxfordshire maths contest (out of 76 classes). Overall finishing places were:

- 2nd Parrots
- 4th Toucans

Well done to all the children who took part.

At home idea 1 From the Woodland Trust –
<https://www.woodlandtrust.org.uk/blog/2020/01/nature-scavenger-hunts/>

Go on a scavenger hunt.

Scavenger hunts are great fun for all ages. You can do them in your garden, and they're also a good way to liven up family walks. Keep it simple for little ones and help them look for different colours or textures in nature. For older children, challenge them to hunt for seasonal signs such as snowdrops, berries or frosty leaves.

Click the link above OR you can make up your own themes too.

At home idea 2 - Make some cloud bread!

Millions of people around the world are now whipping up colourful cloud bread bakes. It's a super simple dessert bread that only requires a few ingredients and, thanks to food colourings of your choice, can be made into a rainbow of different colours.

Ingredients

- 3 egg whites
- 30g sugar
- 10g cornflour
- Food colouring of choice
- Toppings/ sprinkles of choice (optional)
- Flavouring, (optional)

Search up cloud bread on the internet and enjoy baking!