

# SANDRINGHAM NEWS

Nurture Enrich Inspire

Friday 12th February 2021



## Message from Mrs Money

As we reach the half term break I feel certain that we are all ready for a rest! The children continue to wow us all with their learning whether they are in school or at home. A huge well done to those of you supporting your children with their learning at home. This is a truly challenging task and you are all doing an incredible job, thank you. And a huge thank you to the staff who have worked tirelessly this half term to provide learning for all of the children in 2 'locations' whilst juggling their own families too.

Remote learning isn't ideal, nor quite the same as being in the classroom. We may not have quite got this quite right for everyone as every household is different but I can honestly say that we have tried our very best for every child and every family. Remote learning families were invited to complete a survey regarding the Kite Trust provision for learning. The results for Sandringham were overwhelming positive with 97% of you completing daily learning, acknowledging that it was at the correct level for your child and feeling that you and your family have been responded to and supported. The top 3 favourites of learning provided included pre-recorded lessons, stories and phone calls home.

As a parent myself, I share some of your concerns regarding our children's delay in returning to school and have been asked how we are going to make up for this time away from the classroom. Please do not worry, as we have a clear plan for how we will establish if and what gaps there may be in your child's learning and will start support and interventions immediately on their return. All schools have been given a special catch up grant from the Government which is calculated on the number of children in the school. For us this is £13,120 and this will be used solely to provide support for all children who need it to recover socially, emotionally and academically from the last year of lockdowns.

We are really missing our whole school community being together and I am hoping very much that we will be able to open fully on 8th March as is currently being suggested. We are also very aware that the children are really missing each other and although they are connecting via the teams catch up calls, it just isn't the same as being physically together. To help the children get through the last few weeks apart we are giving all of the children a Sandringham bear to remind them that they are loved and still very much part of our school family. Children in school will bring these home with them today and they will also be available for collection from the school office today until 6pm or at the start of next half term. We will also try to deliver some bears to your children in half term wherever possible.

We experienced some issues uploading my assembly onto Tapestry this week as I talked for too long! Please look on the school website in the remote learning tab to find this week's assembly on Responsibility and hear a story about a turtle called Duffy.

Included with this newsletter are some ideas for supporting your children's and your own mental health and well being during these times. As always please contact us if we can support you in anyway, even if just for a chat.

I would like to end this half term with a quote from the late Sir Captain Tom Moore:

*"For all those finding it difficult: the sun will shine on you again and the clouds will go away"*

School opens again for keyworker children on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Wishing you all a relaxing and 'sunny' half term holiday.

### PLEASE REMEMBER

#### INSET DAY

#### DATE CHANGE

To ensure that keyworkers can continue to do their important jobs during lockdown the INSET day due on 22<sup>nd</sup> February has been moved to Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

#### FACE COVERINGS

Please help to keep us all safe by wearing a face covering at school drop off and collections. This includes breakfast and after school club.

#### COVID UPDATES

Please keep us updated of any positive test results within your households during the half term break.

#### INSET DAYS

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> March  
Fri 28<sup>th</sup> May  
Mon 7<sup>th</sup> June  
Wed 21<sup>st</sup> July



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## CHINESE NEW YEAR

