SANDRINGHAM NEWS

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Friday 8th January 2021



Message from Mrs Money

Happy new year to you all. I hope that you managed to have a lovely Christmas with your children despite the local restrictions. Welcome back to the Spring term...and what a week it has been! As a parent of 3 and a headteacher, I was so saddened to hear that we are again forced to close our doors to the whole school community. We are currently open to children of keyworkers, children with an EHCP and vulnerable families. At the beginning of the week the nursery was also only open to keyworkers however guidance yesterday means that school based nurseries are now required to open to all. Staff are either teaching in school or working on the remote learning for children at home. Thank you for your emails of support and understanding of the late and last minute emails and changes. I really do only hear government announcements at the same time as you and government guidance arrives even later!

We are working hard for the children's remote learning to mirror that of the children in school as far as possible. Home learning will be added to tapestry accounts, the school website (remote learning tab on the main school page) and emailed to children not in school from the school office on Fridays. This week we have also sent an examplar timetable for those of you who would like to or are able to replicate the school day at home. However, I appreciate that you are all in different circumstances managing work and families so please do not feel that you have to do everything. Please do what you can manage, be kind to yourselves and reach out to us for support and encouragement.

Remote learning will include a recorded morning welcome from the teacher and a variety of activities for all year groups. Nursery and Reception will include age appropriate activities for our youngest learners. Year 1 and 2 will have daily maths, english, phonics, topic, and foundation subjects delivered in a variety of ways including pre-recorded input from staff. We are exploring sessions on Teams for remote learners and will update you on this next week. Teachers will also be making contact with families via the phone and communicating through email and Tapestry. Although not in school we will strive to remain as one school community and support and meet all of our families needs whether your children are in school or learning from home.

The Assertive Mentoring (school assessment system) meeting for parents of Year 1 and 2 children planned for next week will not take place. We will however send you some further information regarding this ahead of the report portal opening on Friday 15th.

Snuffly day on Friday will go ahead as planned. Children are invited to spend the day in their pyjamas in exchange for a donation of a box of tissues. Children not in school can bring them in when they return if they would like to.

I will be in touch again next week to ensure that you are kept up to date and we all stay connected. Wishing you all a restful and safe weekend.

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DIARY DATES

Wednesday 13th January - Assessment Meeting (Year 1 and Year 2)

Information to follow next week

Friday 15th January - Snuffly Day

Children are invited to wear pyjamas or onesies into school in exchange for a box of tissues!

Children at home are invited to wear their pyjamas or onesies for home school on this day too.

Wednesday 20th January - Super Scientists Day

This in-school event has been postponed to the Summer Term

Tuesday 26th January ~ Parents 'Check In' Evening 3.30-6

These meetings will happen virtually for the parents of children currently in school. Further details to follow.

Monday 1st February ~ Parents 'Check In' Evening 4-7pm

As above

Friday 12th February ~ Break Up for Half Term

Monday 22nd February ~ INSET DAY

This is an inset day for all children - school and nursery.

INSET DATES

Monday 22nd February Friday 28th May Monday 7th June