

FEBRUARY NEWSLETTER



Dear Families,

We are now well into the third week of the current lockdown and most of the children are settling into their routines whether home learning or in school. It's been great to see some of the excellent work children have been producing and uploading. We would like to thank you for continuing to support your children with their learning to ensure that they complete all the work set to the very best of their ability, and would like to remind you that if children are having any difficulties with the work, you can message on the class blogs and our staff will be able to assist.

In school, we have had some of our children building snowmen and even an igloo during the snowy period! We have also seen some fantastic images of snowmen some of the children have been building at home.

Over the remaining weeks, leading up to the half term holidays, we will be continuing with our learning and ensuring that our children know how to stay safe online by taking part in 'Safer Internet day' on February 9th, providing lessons and assemblies to remind our children about the issues that can arise when online.

Since our last newsletter, the Prime Minister has announced that the current partial closure of schools will be reviewed no earlier than February 22nd, with a date of 8th March being given as the earliest date any students would return to school for 'face to face' lessons. We will continue with our Remote Learning plans on this basis and continue to open for vulnerable students and children of Critical Workers. We would again respectfully ask parents and carers to only request a place for their child/children in school if absolutely necessary, in order to keep numbers to a manageable level.

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Lateral Flow Devices, Covid-19

Staff are now able to undertake testing at home twice weekly for signs of Covid-19, which will aid us in identifying the virus as soon as is possible, and this will continue for the foreseeable future.

Please can we remind you that it is really important that you inform us of anyone in your household who is symptomatic, taking a test or has had a positive result even if your child/children are currently at home. If someone at home is being tested, then please do not send your child to school until you have it confirmed negative. This is important to keep all the bubbles (children and staff) as safe as is possible. It must be remembered that we are operating bubbles to enable critical keyworkers to attend to their work. Sending children to school who should be isolating, risks the health and well-being of everyone in the bubble and must be avoided.

We all must follow the government guidelines and ensure that we stay at home and do not mix with anyone else outside our household to minimise the risk of transmission. In this way we can all help fight the spread of this awful virus which is producing more transmissible variants all the time.

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Operation Encompass

We are pleased to announce that we are now part of the 'Operation Encompass' initiative, which is a partnership between schools and Staffordshire Police. This is a National project that allows information sharing to ensure our children can remain as safe as is possible.



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Parent Consultations

We will be sending out more information about this soon and asking parents to sign up to a time to talk with the class teachers over the telephone, this will be instead of the usual face to face parents evenings. The meetings are scheduled for after half term and will be set up through parent mail. This will give you an opportunity to discuss your child's engagement and progress with their learning.

Please download the parent mail app, if you have not already done so, as this will become our main mode of communication in the future rather than the text service.

Half term

School will be closed to all pupils for half term, Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February. School will reopen to **current keyworker and vulnerable children** only on Monday 22 February. Remote learning will continue to be provided for all other children at home.

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We sadly say goodbye to **Captain Sir Tom Moore**, the 100 year old World War Two veteran who inspired the nation when he walked around his garden 100 times to raise money for the National Health Service.

He was an inspiration to us all and captured our hearts, he will be sadly missed. His optimism lifted our hearts and the nation's spirits.

As he said :

Tomorrow will be a good day.

We wish you all a safe and restful half term.

