

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear all,

This week we have all been so impressed with the learning we have seen remotely and in school. We have had over 90% attending the daily online meetings which is fantastic. It has been lovely for the staff and children to have that daily connection.

Everyone is working so hard and a big thank you to all the parents who are supporting this home learning. We know it isn't easy but it is helping to keep our community safe.

Many thanks to everyone who has returned the 'Live lessons' agreement. We have nearly all of them back now. It is important that this agreement is returned even if your child is attending school as we want children in school to be able to join in with the sessions.

A very big well done to Harry K in Cedar Class who won the prize for the library story writing competition. What a superstar Harry, well done!

Well done to Isabelle and Damian who received Headteacher Awards this week.

Free School Meals

You may have heard in the news that the Government are starting up the voucher scheme again. Next week we will provide the hampers again but anyone eligible has been sent an email saying that from Monday 25th January you have the option to receive vouchers. If you would like the vouchers please reply to the email asap to ensure we know to order them for you.

Covid update

We have been trying to navigate our way through the changing guidance over the last week. We have just had clarification from Devon County Council over a few key points. Our school and nursery is open to anyone that needs a place. The new word here is need. We must remember that we are the midst of a serious pandemic, with rates at an alarming level. Please only send your child in if you absolutely need to. If you can have your child at home, you should. We have to reduce the risk of transmission to staff and our community. Having reopened our nursery this week, unfortunately we have had to close it again due to staff being off. The nursery remains open for critical worker children and should reopen fully soon. We will keep nursery parents updated.

Due to the number of children we have in school we are having to keep them in separate classes to try to minimise the risk of transmission if we were to have a positive case. However, with all staff being assigned to bubbles it does mean that if staff are off isolating or unwell we may have to close the bubble to everyone in it as we cannot provide cover.

Domestic Abuse support

If you are experiencing domestic abuse and need immediate help, ask for 'ANI' in a participating pharmacy. 'ANI' stands for Action Needed Immediately but also phonetically sounds like the name Annie. If a pharmacy has the 'Ask for ANI' logo on display, it means they're ready to help. They will offer you a private space, provide a phone and ask if you need support from the police or other domestic abuse support services. This is also a link which gives details of more support available - https://www.gov.uk/guidance/domestic-abuse-how-to-get-help?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=govuk-notifications&utm_source=17d3ae6d-9f20-4d52-8f28-76d7b2614917&utm_content=immediately

Take care

Best wishes

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