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## NEWSLETTER 11 - 19.01.2021

Dear Parents/Carers

### CRITICAL WORKER/VULNERABLE CHILDREN

I am very proud that we have been able to support so many critical worker/vulnerable children in school and my thanks goes to all our staff for enabling this to happen. The children who are in school are following our Covid guidelines, adapting to watching videos of teaching and behaving like little super stars. Please continue to follow the expectation that you wear a mask and keep your distance at drop-off and pick-up.

### CHILDREN LEARNING AT HOME

Again I am very proud of the tremendous efforts made by staff and parents to enable the children to start home learning as quickly as they did. The children at home are also little super stars and I know it brings a smile to their teachers' faces when they receive e-mails showing how hard everyone is working.

As you know the minimum we expect is that your child completes the work books each day but I am very pleased to see that the majority of families are managing to also complete the English, Maths, Phonics, Topic and online reading tasks set by teachers each day. You are amazing!

Next week I will be on the lookout for pupils who are working extremely well at their home learning and will be bringing rewards for children and parents!

We realise that our home learning offer supports flexibility for families but we are also aware that the children at home miss seeing their teacher and their friends. Mrs Babenko has bravely started trying online live story sessions with Nursery and is going to let me know how this goes.

### SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE - PLEASE ASK

I would never want to cause offence by offering support where it isn't wanted but the community and our school staff are keen to support everyone at this difficult time so please be aware that the following support is available and please don't be afraid to ask.

- We have access to family food bags - please contact us if you need one
- We have Vodafone sim cards with free data in school - please ask if you would like one
- We have access to family support for behaviour management etc - please ask
- We have access to adult mental health services - please ask

If you need different support to the above please contact myself, you are not on your own.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS, FREE MILK, FREE TRIPS**

If your circumstances have changed recently and you think you may be entitled to these extra benefits please call 0300 500 8080. I know all children get free meals but if you are entitled and do register then school gets an extra £1,300 to support your child and we can then use this money to pay for your child to have free milk, a set of uniform and free trips. If you would like any support with this pop in and see Mrs Cook.

## **DIARY DATES**

Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Break-up for half term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	First day back at school
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Break-up for Easter Holidays
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day back at school after holidays

As you are already aware I am keen for school and families to work closely together, especially in these difficult times. The teachers and myself are always available, please contact us by e-mail or telephone if you have any queries.

*Jo Cook*

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Head Teacher