



# Newton's Weekly Newsletter



## Week Ending 22nd January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you so much for your hard work with overseeing your children's home learning, we know what a challenge this is but you are doing a fantastic job! Your children are becoming much more confident with this new way of learning and more and more children are engaging well with Google Classroom. We are having more parents request places in school for their children, however we need to keep to the government guidelines on who can and cannot attend. We would love all children to be back, however we need to ensure numbers are as low as possible to ensure the safety of all the children and adults in the school. The safest place for your children in the current climate is at home with you. The curriculum that the children in school are following is exactly the same as the curriculum that the children at home are being set.

It has been brought to my attention that some children who are in school are playing out of school with other children who are not in their bubble. Whilst I have no control over this, other parents have expressed concerns that this has the potential to compromise the safety measures we have in place at school and I would ask you follow government guidelines on households mixing.

Please try to get your children to do what they can, when they can, as **some** learning is better than no learning at all and we appreciate that if you are working from home and have more than one child and limited devices, home learning can be a huge challenge. For those families where there is no access to a laptop and WiFi we are supplying work packs and these will be sent out weekly and returned for marking the following week. Please be assured we are aware, understand and appreciate how difficult this situation is for many of our families and want to make things as stress free for parents as possible whilst still providing good quality education during this period of school closure.

I hope your children are enjoying the live daily assembly that the teachers are hosting, the teachers are loving seeing their class on screen and hearing their ideas and views. I am seeing many certificates being awarded to children for a whole variety of reasons – keep up the good work, your children are doing an amazing job, we are so proud of their resilience and perseverance with remote learning.

I hope you have had the opportunity to view the National Theatre's Pantomime that Newton's was lucky to have been given access to. We were meant to show this in school and carry out the related activities but this has not been possible due to the current lockdown. We have the activity packs related to this pantomime in school, which you are welcome to come and collect (do call the school first to arrange this first). These packs contain paper, stencils, cello tape, scissors, torch, colour pencils and sharpener.

As I said earlier, we are all learning together and as the weeks go on, we will all become much more confident using the technology and making learning even more accessible for everyone. Please do not worry about ensuring everything gets completed, just do what you can and keep in contact with us when you feel things are getting tough.

Have a great weekend

Mrs Connolly and Mrs McClenaghan