

Headteacher's weekly newsletter (N^o21)
11th January 2021

- Following today's cohort leaders meeting, they have asked me to share the following in no particular order:
 - Yr3 have open Google Meets sessions for parents and children to drop into from 9am to 12pm and from 1pm to 3.30pm. This session is open to all Yr3 and is not by class. The sessions are set-up each day and the link will be in the classroom stream.
 - Yr4 will be similar to Yr3 but their times are 9am to 10am and 10.30am to 11.30am.
 - Yr5 is different because two of the teachers are working from home.
 - ZI Miss Isaac will be calling children and using both open and scheduled Google Meets.
 - SD MS Dorset will keep Google meets open for at least 30 minutes after the registration sessions.
 - KT Miss Thomas has Google Meets open from 9am to 10.20am, 10.40am to 12pm and then 1pm to 3.30pm. This will be Monday to Thursday only.
 - Yr6 have Google Meets open from 9am to 10am, 10.30am to 12pm and 1pm to 3.30pm.
 - Please check that your child is handing work in correctly. Use the 'Class Stream' where they usually pick-up their work, go into the assignment, find 'My Work' (it's a little box) and then click 'Add or Create' and upload the work from their Google Drive and then hand it in.
- Intervention work is being set-up where possible from today. This includes 'Read Write Ink sessions. OT tasks have been posted on Google Classroom for those children that usually have an Occupational Therapy session when in school.
- The staff feel that a weekly phone call home is only necessary if children are not regularly joining the registration sessions and/or the open Google Meets sessions (as listed above).
- We sent, via email (Friday 8th January 2021), a food voucher for £15 to the parents and carers of children entitled to free school meals to cover the cost of providing food for last week. The Government have not yet released funds to school for the vouchers. However, we will be sending a voucher home today for this week's food. A reminder that if your child has been in school, then you will not receive a voucher because they are provided with a hot meal in school. Please call the school and leave a message if you need any assistance 01252 666846.
- I am going to try to offer parents and carers time to talk to me if they have any concerns or comments. However, I will not be answering specific questions about the work that has been set... "What is a frontal adverbial?" I will send an invite to parents and carers of Yr3 children for a 6pm Zoom meeting tomorrow (Tuesday 12th January 2021).
- I have had some feedback about the Play Station. PS4 seems to work but not PS5.
- The next newsletter will be Friday 15th January 2021. There will be information about how we are able to mark children's work and information for parents and carers of Yr6 children regarding the school's response to the Government announcement about the KS2 National Tests.
- Thank you for your support this week, all the staff appreciate it.

Best wishes

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