



## Headteacher's Introduction

Once again, we are so impressed with the home learning that is taking place across school and the attitude and effort that is being displayed from the children. We recognise how challenging this situation is for parents and would like to reassure that the timetables we share are to provide a structure for the day which would mirror the structure should the children be in school. If you are unable to follow the timetable or do not manage to complete all tasks, this is absolutely fine. We know everyone is trying their best and juggling many things so thank you for all of your efforts.

We are really pleased with the attendance at our Year two Google Meets and it was lovely for the teachers to see all of the children. Also this week, we have added a weekly Wellbeing session for all year groups and we hope you have found these helpful.

Finally, we would like to say a huge thank you to the very generous parent who organised the delivery of Dominos pizzas for all of the staff. This was a really lovely surprise and really brightened our Wednesday! Thank you so much, it is very much appreciated.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

## Early Years and Year 1 Google Meet sessions

We are pleased to let you know that we are planning for weekly Google Meet sessions for our Early Years and Year 1 children as well from the week beginning Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We will be sending out further information about this next week, along with your child's login details.

## Online Payments and Communications

Immediately after February half term, from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February, we will be moving from WisePay to ParentPay for communications via email and text message, as well as secure online payment of school meals and other school items as we move increasingly to a cash-free environment. ParentPay offers you the freedom to make payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available. You will have a secure online account, activated using a unique username and password; you will be prompted to change these and to keep them safe and secure. If you have more than one child at our school, or children at other ParentPay schools, you can create a single account login for all your children. Making a payment is straightforward and ParentPay holds a payment history available to view at a later date; no card details are stored in the system. Once your account is activated you can make online payments straight away. We look forward to sending more details, but if you would like any additional information in the meantime, please visit: [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)

**It would be very helpful if you could clear any balance that you have outstanding on Wisepay. Thank you.**

## School lunch ordering

A reminder that should you wish to order a school lunch for your child, please email/phone the school office with your option choice by Thursday 3pm for the following week. It is important that we are aware of numbers in advance to ensure that the kitchen staff can order the correct amount of food needed for the week.

## Support for talking to children about the pandemic

We have received some helpful documents from the educational psychology service to help with discussing Covid with children. These can all be seen on our website:



## Active Travel Offer

We wanted to share with you that Sustrans are relaunching [Sustrans Outside In](#), which is a free resource to help everyone get ACTIVE!

[Sustrans Outside In](#) provides fun ideas and inspiration for you to bring education, health and wellbeing activities into your home.

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