



Headteacher's Introduction

This week we have been busy preparing for Early Years and Year One Google Meets, which start next week. All information has been emailed to parents and can also be found on the home learning section on the school website. Further details will be posted to Tapestry. We are excited to add this to our remote learning offer and are looking at ways to keep improving what we have for the children. Watch this space for more developments.

The children in school have been working really hard once again this week and the engagement of children working from home has remained really high – thank you again for all of your support. We know that it is difficult managing home learning alongside your own work commitments. Rest assured that everyone is feeling the same and no-one is finding this easy. We all heard the Prime Minister's announcement this week about the continuation of remote learning after half term. We will keep a close eye on developments and keep you fully informed as soon as we know more – although if the pattern continues we won't know anything before anyone else.

Mr Haynes & Mrs Innes

Wisepay

As mentioned last week, we are moving all online payments and communications to ParentPay. All accounts that are in credit will be transferred to ParentPay and you will not lose any credit you may have.

ParentPay

The office staff have been busy setting up new accounts on ParentPay. You will be receiving a printed letter in the coming days (if your child is attending school we will pass it to them, if not we will post it to you). This activation letter contains information about how to set up your new account. It is essential that you do this straight away as once we move everything across from Wisepay this is the only way you will receive emails and texts from school as well as being the portal for online payments.

If you have any difficulties or questions, please contact the school office.

Computing Equipment

We have a set of school Microbits (small devices used for programming) which were loaned out to a parent who works at another primary school, to help with their computing curriculum. We are now trying to relocate them as we are needing the Microbits back in school. Please can you contact the school office or My Dyer if you can help with this? Thank you.

School Uniform Collection

If you have ordered or are in the process of ordering school uniform, this can be delivered to school. We will contact you once your order has arrived and can then arrange a convenient time for collection.



Message from the Governors

Normally at this time of year we'd be saying welcome back to school after the holidays and looking forward to what's in store for the rest of the academic year. However, as we're all too aware, things are far from normal at the moment!

Governors met with school leaders on Monday 25th January; the primary focus of the meeting was the school closure and home learning. Whilst school remains open for children of key workers, the majority of children are at home and we appreciate the huge effort from parents and carers, and understand the stresses this adds to everyday life, especially for those trying to juggle work and home learning.

We were pleased to hear that there has been some great feedback on how well home learning is going. The staff are working extremely hard during this difficult time and continually improving home learning, as well as teaching children in school. We'd like to give a big thank you for all their efforts.

The school welcomes feedback and we'd love to hear from you. If you need help or support, from how to use Google Classroom/Tapestry to Maths methods and techniques, please get in touch, the school is here to support you.

We'll obviously keep you posted about when school will be fully open again, and we look forward to welcoming all the children and families back at this time.