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Week 17 Newsletter

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Dear families,

Thank you for your support and patience during the last week, a week which can only be described as extraordinary! We (and you all) adapted quickly and effectively so that more children and staff were safe and so that all children were able to continue to learn well. We had 99% attendance on some days when registering online and in school presence! We will continue to do all that we can to support your educational, pastoral and financial needs for the rest of this latest 'closure' period. If you are struggling to access the lessons online for technical reasons or you have a change in circumstances please make contact with us as soon as possible. Parents who have secured a place in school, we now have the registers planned out...I only need to hear from you each Friday if your days need to change. The events of last week have, naturally, led to many questions from parents. We will do our best to cover everything in the letter than follows. I will try to use bullet points where possible to avoid the letter being spread over 25 pages!

Let's start with some good news! Three pieces of good news actually!

1. An enormous congratulations and well done to Claire Throssell- Governor and friend of the school- on her recent MBE announcement. We have received so much support over the years in Claire's role as Safeguarding Governor and she is now fighting for children and young people on a national scale. Congratulations and keep up the great work. You are an inspiration to us all and deserve the recognition more than anyone we know.
2. Congratulations also to Mr Venus and his partner on their recent wedding...the staff, pupils and Governors (and we're sure the parents and carers too) wish you a lifetime of happiness together.
3. We welcome Mrs Coulton back to the team following her maternity leave. Mrs Coulton will work with Nursery children for the time being due to the class reorganisation caused by Monday's announcement.

Additional Extras: We're bringing back all of your favourites from the first lockdown and a few new ideas too!

- Please note that we have launched 2 clubs which are completely free. No booking required. Just click on the daily links at the advertised times and enjoy! Please see the email on Friday for more details. The clubs are singing and PE/wellbeing based. They are open to all pupils, even if they have been in school during the day.
- A daily quiz will be launched on Twitter for children and families to enjoy- thanks Miss Heeley for the questions and answers each day!
- Our weekly disco will return to Penistone FM each Friday at 1pm. A different class will host and choose the music each week- this week it is Y6! Please send in any birthday shout outs each week by Tuesday afternoons!
- The bedtime story will return this week but it will be the story as read to KS1/EYFS at the end of each day on Zoom. This will be added to Twitter each tea-time ready for a bedtime treat or revisit!
- Treasure Hunt- a weekly treasure hunt tweet will appear each Saturday morning. The hunt will encourage people to get outdoors and explore the local area. Please reply to the original tweet with your pictures during the walk (showing that you found the whole set) and we will choose two completed hunters for a special sports voucher at the end of the half term!
- We would also like to launch a special 'Walking Around the World Challenge' where we log our collective efforts in cycling, running, walking and try to complete a whopping 24,901 miles before the start of the Summer holidays! That equates to roughly 6 miles per family, per week. We can do that, can't we! In order to track the mileage we will post a few tweets during each week and two of our Governors have volunteered to count the miles by looking through the replies. It must be posted on Twitter to count. If a family of four went for a 3-mile walk that would count as 12 miles. We may link this to some fundraising later in the year- more details soon!
- This Wednesday we have a special 'wellbeing session' with Sonia and myself for pupils or families of any age. It will be simple advice and tips on staying mentally healthy over the coming weeks. We hope to record it to share with working parents. We will let you know if this is possible and confirm when it has been uploaded to our Youtube channel or send out a summary of what was covered on email if this isn't possible.

General updates: Some little things to note.

- Milk- children under 5 and those receive free school meals entitlement (and are in school) will receive milk. Credit on the school milk account will be given to anyone else. There will be no fruit in school for the

foreseeable future either so please consider these points when planning morning snack (no nuts or chocolate please).

- Maths Support- we are providing maths learning, supporting videos, worksheets and answers and providing more literacy and topic work through zoom to match up with the current classroom learning. We are, however, offering some maths support daily to Y1-Y6 pupils. Please help us in two ways with the maths provided:
 - Please ensure that your child has looked at the video clip and task before their 10.15am (Y1/2) and 11am (Y3-6) zoom so that they can stay on the call for maths support after their lesson
 - Please complete your child's year group task. Even if they are confident with maths, please do their year group first. This is especially important if children are in school but only for selected days to help the staff to provide appropriate blended learning without gaps. The more confident mathematicians can always tackle the year group above's work too as additional work if desired.
- Where the learning cannot be completely realigned- e.g. Y5/6 Literacy due to differences in current topics, shared books, etc- we are working together to ensure that the same objectives and skills are taught.
- Music- no music teachers will be present in school but we understand that some pupils taking tuition will be offered home learning via zoom or similar. Any payments made can be refunded or kept as credit.
- Home Learning Packs- these will be ready for 2pm on a Friday where requested. They will be named and put in class piles for collection late on Friday or early on a Monday. An emailed version will be sent and added online on a Friday with a key sheet of hyperlinks sent later in the weekend.
- Crossing patrol will operate for the time being. We will keep you all updated. Please note that the school crossing has many pot holes and cracks at the moment. This has been reported by a member of staff.

Remote Learners- things to note- only log in at specified times, camera on and name account as child's first name and year group please.

Live Teaching Timetable

Time	Staff	Year Group	Activity
9.10-9.30am	Mrs Exley/Mrs Honey or Mrs Parr	EYFS (F1/F2)	Today's Learning in EYFS
9.30-10am	Mrs Fearn Mr Venus	Year 5/6 Year 3/4	KS2 Core Learning 1
10.15-10.45am	Mrs Evans or Mrs Royston	Year 1/2	Literacy KS1 (followed by maths catch up)
11-11.30am	Mrs Fearn Mr Venus	Year 5/6 Year 3/4	KS2 Core Learning 2 (followed by maths catch up)
2-2.30pm	Mrs Fearn Mr Venus	Year 5/6 Year 3/4	KS2 Foundation Learning
2.45-3.15pm	Mrs Evans or Mrs Royston/ Mr McClure and EYFS staff	Year 1/2 EYFS	Sharing today's learning, story time and check in time

Pupils in school- things to note- non uniform for the time being- warm clothing at all times!

Bubble	Arrival	AM playtime	Lunch (Hall) Cleaning ongoing	Lunch Play (outdoor when possible)	Ready by	Depart
RAINBOW (F1)	8.40am	Continuous Provision	11.30-12.15	N/A	2.50pm	3.00pm
Red (F2)	8.45am		12-12.45pm	12.45-1.15pm	2.50pm	3.00pm
Orange Y1	8.50am	10.10-10.30	12-12.45pm	12.45-1.15pm	2.55pm	3.05pm
Yellow Y2	8.50am	10.10-10.30	12-12.45pm	12.45-1.15pm	2.55pm	3.05pm
Green Y3	8.55am	10.10-10.30	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.00pm	3.10pm
Blue Y4	8.55am	10.30-10.50	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.00pm	3.10pm
Indigo Y5	9am	10.30-10.50	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.05pm	3.15pm
Violet Y6	9am	10.30-10.50	12.45-1.30pm	12.15-12.45pm	3.05pm	3.15pm

Thank you for your support at this very challenging time. Please stay safe.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher