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Week 18 Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear families,

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks. Your feedback means the world to us and keeps us all going, please see the latest opportunity to feedback on our approach to the pandemic and supporting our children through the survey here: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3GFH2CG>

Please complete the survey by lunchtime on Friday 29th January 2021. We will share the outcomes and how the feedback will help us to improve further! In the meantime we will keep doing the best that we can and **remember...if you need us for anything at all we are here to help!**

Y6 parent session: The session regarding SATS and Robinwood for Y6 parents has been cancelled this Tuesday evening. We will plan a 'supporting transition' meeting for later in the year instead.

Residential Payments: We're making good progress with the residential refunds and hope to have more news in the few weeks. Robinwood refunds have been approved and will clear soon for repayment. We have the first chunk of the London money back and have logged the full insurance claim now for the full amount. We will keep you posted and issue full refunds when the monies clear in our account. Any monies paid for other visits that are outstanding will also be refunded in due course.

Sonia session: We have sent out some ideas for supporting wellbeing for both parents and pupils on email last week. A huge thanks to Sonia for giving up her time for free to help us! Thank you to those who attended to share their views and ideas too!

Zoom Teaching and Equality: We're getting excellent feedback from the Zoom sessions. Great! Please note that the sessions aren't how we would normally teach in most instances. We have split groups and we have to think of how we can teach using a blend of teacher led input with some limited pupil interaction. We also have to plan for basic or limited resources/space! It is particularly difficult to differentiate without identifying pupils 'publicly' who are struggling so if your child needs extra help please contact us off the Zoom sessions. We will always stay on the call after with a smaller group if needed too if children tell us they are finding something hard, as is working beautifully for maths support each day. A reminder that we also offer celebration and positive reinforcement through Twitter and any formal feedback can be given on email if you share work with us in that way. From next week we will not retweet all home learning on our Twitter feed as it can make it hard for parents to find the really important content being shared for home learners on there but our staff will reply if you include their Twitter handle and I will acknowledge all work shared too! We can't post Star of the Week pictures or any images of pupils in school or on Zoom during this lockdown but feel free to share your images of your own child, especially if your child is selected for an award...we will certainly share that so that the whole community can share in their success!

Free School Meals Updates: Miss Chapman has been sending out updates to FSM families. We have now got vouchers set up for next week through Tesco and hope to use the Government scheme from the week commencing 25th January when parents would receive an eVoucher on their phone. For the first few weeks food in school or a parcel was provided so we have provided support every day since the start of the latest lockdown. Families can also seek support for winter fuel payments- see emails and tweets. We are sure that there will be families who can benefit from this and other support. Please ask us for details on how to apply. It really will help families and it also adds benefits for school to be able to help your child further in school too.

Zoom Clubs: A reminder that we have free 'Zoom clubs' at 4pm each Tuesday and Thursday now. No booking is required- just use the daily Zoom links!

Reading Systems: An important email was sent out on Wednesday about timings for changing books in many classes, please contact us if you missed it or need clarification.

Thank you for your support as always. Have a good weekend.

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher