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Week 19 Newsletter

Friday 22nd January 2021

Dear families,

Thank you for your continued support over the term so far. Your feedback so far is incredibly positive and helpful, thank you! The latest opportunity to feedback on our approach to the pandemic and supporting our children is still available for another week through the survey attached here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/3GFH2CG>

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!**

Message to parents: We know how hard this is. A lockdown in winter, working and home schooling, no social routines or respite. We just wanted to say that everyone is doing a great job. This feels so much harder than the first lockdown for everyone and please know that your efforts are appreciated. We have set expectations on learning to support every child but please know that your best efforts are appreciated and valued.

Diary Dates: The vast majority of diary dates have been cancelled as you know so we have added an extra one...a little quirky but worth a try...a UNIFORM day on Friday this week! (Friday 29th January) We're asking that all children- those in and out of school- wear their school uniform on this day please! No charity involved etc but if anyone who is attending school on that day wants to donate an item to restock our food bank that would be great! Items can be passed to staff for cleaning/quarantine before we stock the food bank a week later.

Zoom Teaching Update: Things are working really well now with Zoom and the feedback so far is incredibly positive. As we said last week it is hard to hit everyone's needs and teach how we normally would to stretch, challenge and support but from your feedback it appears we're doing a good job! Please ensure that you have seen the plans for the day ahead and that children have seen their year group's video and task for maths before their morning Zoom. We are offering maths support at 10.45am (KS1) and 11.30am (KS2) but very few pupils are staying on the call. We need to offer that support to ensure that the work is complete and on track. Please keep all learning completed so that it can be returned to school at a later date for feedback and so that it can be collated with class based work from earlier in the year. We will be having parental feedback sessions with teachers straight after half term via an online platform- more details soon!

Free School Meals Updates: We have ordered pro-rata vouchers (based on days when eligible pupils are not in school) for the next 3 weeks through the Government's *EdeRed* system. These will come directly to parents on email or through mobile phones and they can be redeemed against your weekly shopping bill. We will update on any support that will be given over half-term or beyond later in the term.

Visit Refunds: Please note that *Robinwood* and Coal Mining payments will start to be refunded next week to parents. Scarborough refunds will be refunded from 8th February. We will update you on the London refund timescales soon but please be assured that we have processed all of the paperwork that we can from our end already. Thank you for your patience.

Emotional support: We still have Mrs Kent in school and many of our staff are now wellbeing trained. Sonia will be doing telephone support every fortnight starting soon too so if you or your child need free and flexible support please do let us know.

Reading times: Please note that due to our own staff having family commitments we can only guarantee that the reading books put out will be there from 9am to 3pm rather than previously advertised times.

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

Regards, Mr L McClure, Headteacher