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Friday 29th January 2021

Dear Parents

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well. As another week of remote learning draws to a close, I would like to say how proud I am of all of our children for their engagement in their learning. Teachers are reporting that their live sessions are being attended by most children and we have a high percentage of work being submitted each day. Well done children!

I would like to remind you that the teachers continue to be on hand to support you and we will always strive to help in any way that we can. We continue to recognise the different situations of individual families at this time and we applaud your efforts. Remember to be kind to yourselves, to not compare yourself to others and to recognise your successes!

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week is 'Children's Mental Health Week' and teachers will be approaching this with their classes in an age appropriate manner! We would like to make **Wednesday 3rd February 'Dress to Express' day**, where we ask that the children wear clothes to express how they are feeling that day! If they are happy they may want to wear bright, crazy colours, tired could mean that they wear pyjamas etc.



Care & Share Sessions

As promised, next week we will host some more sessions to support you whilst the children are remote learning. Following many conversations with parents and feedback from staff, next week there will be 2 Care & Share sessions and each will have a different theme. We have chosen 2 different times this week to try to give all parents the opportunity to attend a session.

Wednesday 3rd Feb @ 4pm - Supporting Your Child's Mental Well Being - meet.google.com/fiw-mjck-tvn

Mrs Pascall, our SENDCO, is going to lead this session with some ideas on supporting children's mental well being during lockdown. There will also be time for questions and discussion.

Thursday 4th Feb @ 9.30am - Google Classroom - meet.google.com/sym-cqar-rgc

Mrs Williams will lead this session. If you have any questions or queries about how to do things or why something won't work, please email them to thurlestone@lapsw.org before 3pm on Wednesday 3rd Feb and Mrs Williams will do her best to answer them through demonstrations.

Reopening of Schools

We heard from the Prime Minister this week that, should all go to plan with the vaccine roll out, then schools will start to open from the 8th March. Further details on this roll out will be published during the week of 22nd Feb. As soon as we have the information we need to make plans for a safe reopening, we will share these with you. We are all very much looking forward to seeing all of the children in school again.



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INSET Day - Friday 12th February

Our INSET day on the 12th February will be going ahead as planned. As this is a training day for staff, there will be no remote learning set for the children on this day.

February Half Term

I wanted to confirm the arrangements for the upcoming half term break. There has been much speculation in the media regarding the arrangements for half term and yesterday we received confirmation from The Department for Education of what these arrangements will be.

Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week.

I wanted to inform you of this as soon as possible as I am aware that this may have implications for those of you who have currently taken up a school place. I am hoping that by getting this information to you promptly, that you will be able to now plan for this.

Free School Meal Vouchers

In addition to this, families who are currently eligible for free school meals will not receive lunch parcels or vouchers from school during the February half-term. There is wider government support in place to support families and children outside of term-time. If you would like more information regarding this then please do contact the school office.

Google Classroom Etiquette

Now that we are a few weeks into remote learning and the children are confident with their live hangout sessions, we felt we needed to put a 'Google Etiquette' plan in place. The teachers have talked through the expectations with the children this week and a copy of the plan is attached to this email. Please ensure that your child understands the expectations. In particular, can you please ensure that all children are adequately dressed for the hangouts and in a place where an adult is nearby. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

L. Garside

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