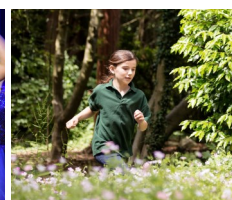




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PREPARATORY SCHOOL & NURSERY

NEWSLETTER: Fri 15th January, 2021



Dear Parents

REFLECTIONS ON REMOTE LEARNING

As we end a full week of remote learning, I wanted to share a few thoughts on this experience and hopefully provide some reassurance to parents who may be worried or who are finding this way of working challenging. None of us are miracle workers, and there is only so much that each of us can do. This is not an ideal way of working, nor is it a choice that any of us would willingly make, but it is the situation we are in for at least the next 4 weeks, if not beyond.

What is very important is for you to try to tune in to the emotional wellbeing of your children, and of yourself. School work should not negatively impact on anyone's mental health! The mantra most definitely needs to be that you do what you can, and whatever you do is enough. There will be times when juggling home life, full time work, multiple children, temperamental internet speeds, shared devices and the million and one other trials and tribulations of daily life mean that things get missed. It does not matter, and no-one will judge you if a Zoom call is missed or work isn't completed.

You will know best when your child has had too much screen time, or needs a walk or a snack, or a combination of the above! Reassure your child that we are proud of them and they are doing brilliantly and don't feel guilty if you miss a task from time to time.

We have provided the full curriculum so that every child can have the opportunity to access the full breadth of learning, but you will know your child's limits. Do email your teacher if your child is struggling and they will keep a more watchful eye during the Zoom lessons, as well as being sensitive to their feelings. Many of our teachers are parents too, and we understand that children listen and respond to teachers in a way that we simply cannot replicate as parents!

Lastly, and most importantly, remember we are a small School and blessed with small class sizes, so your children will have ample opportunity to catch up when we return to the classroom and we will quickly identify any gaps in learning. From what we have seen so far, the children are working very hard and the work that is being submitted on Showbie is wonderful!

NURSERY RE-OPENING

Unfortunately, Nursery has been closed this week due to positive cases of COVID-19. Some children have had to self-isolate whilst others have had to stay at home due to all staff in Nursery self-isolating. Our Kindergarten Key Worker children have also been at home this week. This is the first time we have had to close a 'bubble' since the start of the pandemic and, whilst I hope it will be the last, I am very aware that it may not be! I would like to thank all parents who this affected for their understanding. Since the groups began their period of isolation, we have had further positive cases amongst staff, meaning that Nursery will have to remain closed next week. Kindergarten Key Worker children who have been self-isolating may return on Monday 18th January.

PARENTAL FEEDBACK

Towards the end of next week, all parents will receive a short feedback questionnaire regarding remote learning. Please complete this as soon as you are able so that we can use the results to review what is being offered and make any necessary changes.

Mrs Norville

Happy Birthday!

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| 15th January | Morayo F |
| 15th January | Emi S |
| 17th January | Jonah A |
| 21st January | Emily T |
| 23rd January | Serenna P |



Start the new year with a £500 win for FRHPS by entering the #easyfundraising Travel Giveaway! For a FREE entry, all you have to do is visit the competition page and click any of the listed retailers. This would be the perfect start to 2021 for us, so please take a moment to get involved! <http://efraising.org/uxeLUJb4tT>



Good News for Families

The link to this week's 'The Wednesday Word' is below:
<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/new-start?pid=MTA101634&v=14.5>



| <i>Class</i> | <i>Special Achievements</i> |
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| Nursery | Grace B, Arthur G and Maddie G for excellent behavior and participation this week. |
| Kindergarten | Tia A - for being so enthusiastic in all sessions, especially in Maths, where she has joined in beautifully. Ethan P - for always being ready to learn with the correct equipment and superb attitude towards all the Zoom sessions, which he has participated in fully. |
| Lower Trans | Evie W – for showing great perseverance and a sense of calm when working online. Serenna P – For her beautiful reading of the part of ‘Baby Bear’ in Speech and Drama this week. |
| Upper Trans | Jonah A – for being so engaged and conscientious in all his learning activities. |
| Lower Prep | Mehvish Y - for consistently working hard to do the best that she can and to hand in work that is neatly presented in all subjects. Amelia W-C - for good focus in online lessons and for challenging herself with her learning. |
| Middle Prep | The girls in MP who made superb story boxes. |
| Higher Prep | Maryam M – for superb project work on her family living in Tudor Guildford and for being so helpful sharing good tips when using Zoom. |
| Form One | Dunni B and Izzy I for superb engagement in lessons, participation and self motivation. |
| <i>Award</i> | <i>Special Awards</i> |
| PE Award | All the children in Kindergarten for brilliant participation in their live PE sessions this week. |
| Music Award | Josie B, Sophia J and Flossy D in Middle Prep for their superb raps and for all of Nursery for joining in so well with their online music lesson. |
| French | Maya K in Higher Prep for really shining with her impressive participation and positive contributions. |
| Kindness | Amelie N —for being kind to her brother to help mummy. |

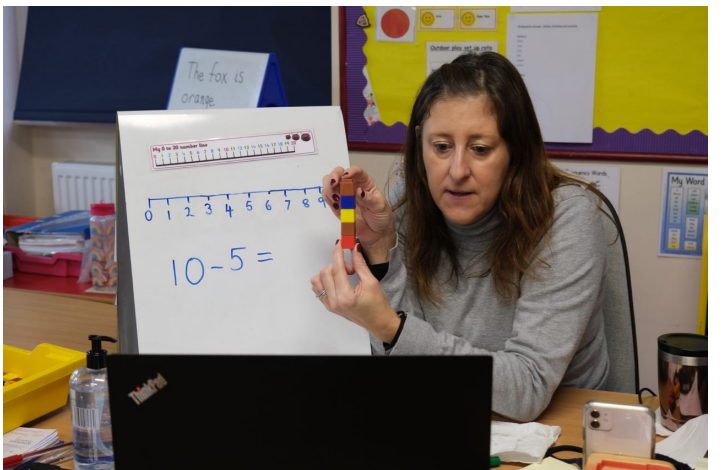
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