

Weekly News

This certainly is an unusual 'Welcome to the Summer Term'. I hope that you and your family is safe and enjoying the sunshine.

We are trying to stay upbeat and find the positives in the challenging circumstances we face. There is an article in the EADT very shortly about some of the wonderful things that are going on within the education sector across the county, which we are mentioned in.

At the end of term, we said goodbye to Miss Hayton and Miss Bishop. They have both started new roles this week and we wish them every success. Hopefully we can invite them back once schools re-open so we can do a proper thank you and goodbye.

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Goodall to the team, who will be based at Witnessham. I am in the final stages of securing a full time teacher for Otley and will announce this in due course. I know that they will be fantastic assets to the Federation and they are really excited to work with the children, hopefully soon!

Google Classroom

I wanted to say a massive thank you to all parents for your enthusiasm in embracing Google Classroom this week. We are aware that it hasn't been as smooth as we were anticipating, and we thank you for your patience. As a staff, we have reflected on what has worked well and how we can improve it so there will be some changes for next week.

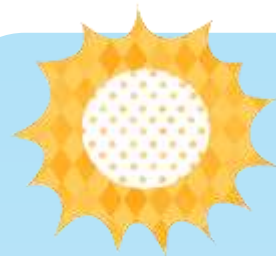
1. Tasks will be paperless wherever possible to avoid the need to print. Please feel free to write on notepaper and take a photo to submit. We can be flexible so do whatever suits your family best.
2. Google docs etc will be used as much as possible for attachments to prevent software issues in opening tasks and extra resources. Hopefully, this means that it is also easier to edit a document to submit it online.

Please can we ask that tasks are submitted as soon as they are completed so that feedback can happen during the week. Teachers are working hard to stay on top of things, but this won't be possible if there are 10 tasks per child submitted each Monday!

I am also sharing a document that we have created. Hopefully this explains our aims and expectations a little clearer. In essence, we want to provide support for home learning not put parents under extra pressure. The first priority continues to be everyone's physical and mental health. Please just do what you can, when you can and rest assured that we are all here to help remotely in any way that we can.

We have not forgotten the fantastic learning opportunities that can come from everyday tasks so please continue to do these and share. We miss the contact with the children, so it is lovely to see what everyone is up to. ClassDojo is still there as another means of communication if you want it.

16 Everyday Activities That Count as Learning



Awards

Reception Sam F (W)

Year 1 Edward W (O) (Passion)

Year 2 Joshua G (W) (Passion)

Year 3 Ella L (O) (Passion)

Year 4 Keeley U (W) (Passion)

Year 5 Ieuan T (W) (Progress)

Year 6 Katie G (O) (Passion)

Provisional Dates

I have no further information about when schools will re-open. I am following all government guidelines and will send out communication as soon as I know what the plan is.

9th July Reports sent home

10th July Move up day

StarLine

A new National Helpline for parents requiring help with home Schooling has been set up to provide advice. 03303139162

Please feel free to contact the school to discuss any issues you are having too.

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