

'Striving for Excellence'
Headteacher: Mrs D. Dack

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A letter from Mrs Dack

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for all your hard work and patience with remote learning. I look in the pupils folders regularly and I am very impressed with the quality of work and creativity. As you know the Government have announced that schools will not open until the 8th March at the earliest and we will advise you of opening arrangements if and when this happens. We will continue with the remote learning package we have set up. If anyone still requires a laptop please let the class teacher know and we may be able to allocate one to your child.

We are really enjoying arriving to school in the daylight now and hope you will use Wellness Wednesday afternoon when pupils are not online to get outside and enjoy the Springtime.

Thank you for all your very kind messages for the staff. This has been a very big learning curve for them. Many were very nervous about teaching live and in front of parents and carers and have valued the positive comments. My staff all have their own families and lives and are working extremely hard through this pandemic in a very different style to what they are used too. One child noticed this week they heard the washing machine in the background in a pre-recorded lesson as one of the teachers had done it at home in the evening. One parent also noted that a video had been uploaded very late at night! And a very big thank you to the parent who gave birth at 8pm and emailed the teacher at 11pm to say they may not be online the next day....This commitment is amazing!!

This week some staff have suffered bereavements and others have had to work from home as their children have had to self isolate. I cannot be more proud of the effort, commitment and team work Wentworth staff are making for the education of your children. They really appreciate the positive comments. It keeps them going.

Keep well and stay safe.

Warmest regards

Mrs Dack

FEBRUARY HALF TERM

School will be closed to Key Worker pupils over half term. There will also be no remote learning during this time. Please ensure you all have a break from school work. Recharge your batteries before we return to remote learning on Tuesday 22nd February.

WORLD BOOK DAY

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March by dressing as our favourite book characters. We know this will be via remote learning and Zoom but we would love for you to upload pictures onto ItsLearning so we can share with everybody.

STAFF LATERAL FLOW COVID TESTING

We want to advise you that all staff have been invited to take part in Lateral Flow Testing at school by the Department for Education. Staff will take 2 tests a week. The purpose of the testing is to identify staff who may be asymptomatic with regard to COVID-19. If staff test positive, they will be asked to book a COVID-19 test at a local testing center, to have the result confirmed. Any member of staff that tests positive will have to follow the government guidance of isolation until they have the result from the test taken at a test center. This may cause a change of staff on Zoom or a bubble to self-isolate.

ONLINE GROUPS

The children have begun zoom guided reading groups last week. We hope they are enjoying this new experience as much as the teachers and LSA's. We have also resumed Speech & Language support and Time to Talk for the children. If you think your child is struggling and would benefit by talking to somebody please let their teacher know who can arrange some support for them. Miss Ainscough has been busy recording stories for the children. These will be available on ItsLearning.

WEDNESDAY WELLNESS

We are introducing Wednesday Wellness afternoons from Wednesday 4th February. We are hoping this will inspire and motivate pupils to work away from screens and contribute to their mental health and well being. Details have been sent home but if you require any further information please contact the school Office.

CITIZENS OF THE TERM

The following pupils have been awarded Citizen of the Term by their classmates and teacher. This is for being a good role model to others and excelling over the term. **6M**—Danielle, **6T**— Mia, **5HW**— Charlotte, **5TL**— Sam, **4P**— Ellie, **4S**— Lucas, **3N**— Lily-Dee, **3P**— Ella, **2HE**— Stanley, **2S**— Nathan, **1A**— Naomi, **1S**— Ava, **F1**— Edward, **F2**— Megan.