



**Newsletter 17**  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another week into our remote learning ... and a little bit further on our journey of growing together in love and learning in a slightly different way! This is developing as we go, with small group work possible in some classes this week. We have posted our Remote Learning information for parents document on our website – both under COVID-19 Updates and Statutory Guidance.

I feel the significance of the Google Meets at the start of the day cannot be over-estimated from a well-being point of view, helping the children stay connected – not just with school but each other. Being connected is one of the Five Ways to Well Being as well as exercise – it is so important that your child has at least an hour of physical exercise each day – whether it is Joe Wicks, our Fitter Future, walks, running etc – their teachers will be encouraging this too.



I also wanted to share some lovely art work completed in school this week. The books and trainers were drawn by Year 5 with such detail. These are now displayed in our Rainbow Room.

**Shakespeare Week**

We have been able to rearrange this for May – from the 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. So we look forward to welcoming the Young Shakespeare Company in then.

**Devices**

We were able to issue the first six of these this week and hope to issue another six next week. As soon as we get them we will be in touch with those on our waiting list. Thank you for your patience.

## **Lateral Flow Tests**

All staff have been invited to carry out home testing twice a week in order to add a further layer of measures to keep everyone safe. With many people being asymptomatic, this should be reassuring.

## **Key Worker and Vulnerable support**

We are increasing in numbers for this support and have a limit of 15 in each year group bubble. There are now times when we are not able to offer five days a week due to new requests for key worker care. We will let you know if this is the case and try to work it on a rota basis and be as fair as we can to all. Years 3 – 5 are at full capacity on several days and Year 6 close on all days except Fridays. Families have been most considerate and we greatly appreciate everyone's consideration.

## **Year 6 PGL Trip – July 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>**

We are very hopeful that we will be taking Year 6 on a PGL trip this summer. In order to secure this booking, parents need to pay a £55 deposit by **next Wednesday**. I know it is an uncertain time but if we do not make a firm booking it is unlikely that we will be able to book later. As PGL sites are secure areas, we feel the possibility of this going ahead is good. If COVID restrictions prevent it, you would get the deposit refunded. Please see the Wednesday email (dated 13 January) for further details. If we do not get most of the parents wishing to take this up, it will not be financially viable. We also want all Year 6s to have this time together. If you have any concerns, please do let me know via the office email.

## **Amazing Work**

I have been made aware of some wonderful work going on at home. Well done to the pupils and I hope we will be able to share and celebrate some of these efforts in the coming weeks. Keep up the good work.

If there is anything we can do to help you, please be in touch.

Wishing you a restful weekend,

Best wishes

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