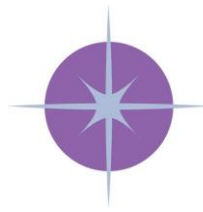




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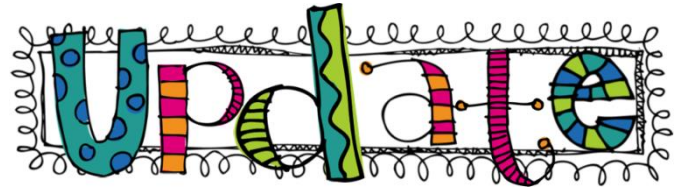


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Dear Parents and Carers

It's Well - Being Week this week so I hope the children enjoy the afternoon activities and have a chance to enjoy a bit of space.

We have had some lovely feedback about Story Day on Friday last week and the staff enjoyed seeing all the photos. If any child would like me to see any of their work, then they can always send it to me through the office email account.



You may have heard on the news that schools may be returning on 8 March. We really hope that is true although we would love to be back sooner. I will of course, let you know if I receive any further information. It is really hard as time goes on and we can understand the frustration felt by parents and children.

Live sessions with the teachers will now increase to two sessions from next week. These sessions will be to catch up and chat as before, to introduce specific assignments and to pick up on any issues that pupils may have with their learning. These will be carefully timetabled to allow for children in different classes to attend their meeting if sharing devices, to ensure two members of staff present in each meeting and to ensure that we have staff in school to cover our in-school provision at the same time. We are working on the timetable in this week's staff meeting so I should have the information ready for Thursday or Friday.

Birthdays last week and this week – Jorge, Carson, Ignacy, Lexie-Mae, Jacey, Hayden, Mason, Daniel.



On –Site Provision

The number of pupils in school at the moment is steadily rising and bubble sizes are increasing. I again kindly ask Critical Worker parents to use the school facility only if they need to as we want to minimise the number of people on site each day if we can. The most recent government update reiterated the following:

‘Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.’

Keeping Safe Online

E-Safety is regularly taught in school to all pupils explaining and demonstrating how to stay safe and behave appropriately online. We want to support parents during this period of Lockdown so here are some useful Safeguarding Links for parents:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>
<http://www.childnet.com/blog/a-parents-guide-to-fortnite-battle-royale> <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

We encourage parents to have conversations with their child about online safety and be aware of how they can build their child’s resilience to online content, encourage open conversations about online life and ensure children know they can talk to their parents/guardians about it.

Report Harmful Content has helpful content to support children who have seen something upsetting online: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/advice-parents-what-do-if-your-child-sees-something-upsetting-online>

Support for Reading on ‘Teams’

Immersive Reader is a learning tool that provides a full screen reading experience to increase readability. It can be used to read the teacher’s morning messages, assignment instructions and Word documents using the Office 365 apps.

All the Office 365 apps are available to all students by logging into Office: www.office.com with their own username and password.

Immersive Reader lets you:

- Change font size, text spacing, and background colour.
- Split up words into syllables.
- Highlight verbs, nouns, adjectives and sub-clauses.
- Choose between two fonts optimised to help with reading.
- Read out text aloud, and change the speed of reading.

[How to Use Microsoft Immersive Reader to make Office 365 Accessible - YouTube](#)

Communication

- For issues other than home learning or if the email is personally confidential or a safeguarding concern then please use the office email as usual.
- In these anxious times, I will be checking the office emails myself once each day at the weekend for any urgent safeguarding issues or if symptoms or a positive case of COVID-19 is reported amongst the in-school community. Non urgent emails will be picked up on Monday morning as usual.

Home Learning

- We are still seeing a good response on Teams which is great. If you are experiencing any technical issues, then please contact us and we will try to help you.

- As instructed in the Government guidance, we have to monitor engagement with remote learning. We will be sensitively contacting you if there has been no apparent home learning done as yet, not in a negative way or to pressurise any parent but to support and to offer help if necessary. Please contact us if you are experiencing any difficulties. We know how daunting this can seem - especially if parents are trying to juggle working at home and helping with home learning. Please get in touch with us if you need support.

Keeping Safe on Teams.

- Please do supervise your child on TEAMS where possible, and definitely in any live session.
- Teams' activity is monitored daily by members of SLT.
- If you need to speak to a teacher about any aspects of remote learning, then I ask you kindly please use the home learning email home.learning@kcs.bwmat.org *FAO class teacher* rather than the online chat or the office email please.
- The online chat is a platform that can be seen by all the children and should only be used by the children for greetings/children to talk to the teacher or to each other about specific learning tasks or to ask for support/feedback/guidance. (For younger pupils, parents may of course need to type their comments for them)
- Children and parents should not upload any documents/resources/advice/issues to the online chat. If this happens, we will delete them as you will appreciate that it is the teachers' role to do this.
- If we deem any use of the chat by parents or children as inappropriate or unsuitable, then those messages will be removed as soon as is possible, as they are on view to the whole class and we reserve the right to withdraw the chat function for your child if we have further concerns.
- Staff will respond to the children as quickly as they can on the Teams chat. Bear with them as they need breaks, of course, and they are also on rota in school with our 3 key worker bubbles.
- Parents have been sent guidelines and a permission slip for pupils to attend any live sessions. These must be returned to school before we can admit pupils to live sessions.

Take care and God Bless.

Mrs Thomson
Headteacher

