

Week ending 29th January 2021

Be respectful Be ready Be resilient Be responsible Be resourceful Be reflective Be remarkable

Children's Mental Health Week

Next week it is National Children's Mental Health Week. We all acknowledge that the current restrictions will potentially have an impact on how the children feel and think. With this in mind, we have decided that the activities that the children will have next week for their 'topic' sessions will be based around supporting positive thinking and feelings.

I have also created a well being challenge/activity suggestions that the children may like to have a go at. I will also upload an assembly about looking after our mental health. Feel free to email or upload any pictures of work that the children do for their challenge and we can put this in the newsletter next week.



This may be a useful link for you to find out further information <https://www.annafreud.org/schools-and-colleges/resources/advice-for-parents-and-carers-talking-mental-health-with-young-people-at-primary-school>. As always, please do contact us if you would like further advice or support.

Staff Development

Staff are continuing to receive regular training and attend courses during this current period of learning remotely.

The whole staff have received Attachment training.

Mrs Rennie has attended a two day conference developing the science curriculum.

Mrs Pickering has attended maths leader training.

Mrs Champney has attended an English leader training.

Miss Tatlow has attended an online safety course.

Mrs Rennie, Miss Waters and Miss Giles have attended a middle leaders course.

Mrs Reeves and Mr Carmoody have attended a SCR training.

A huge thank you to all the staff for their commitment to school improvement whilst continuing to deliver learning remotely and in school.

Reading Books

We are aware that during lockdown accessing appropriate reading books for the children maybe difficult. We will therefore be offering you the opportunity to come to school to change their books on a weekly basis if you choose to.

Reading books will be in coloured coded boxes and outside the demountable classroom. Please place the books you are returning in the box provided so they can go into quarantine. Please then help yourself to the new books. (could we suggest a maximum of 3 if the children are in KS1 and 2 in KS2)

Please adhere to social distancing guidelines when you collect your books and we ask that you wear a mask.

We hope that you will find this facility supportive.



A reminder of our protocol for the Zoom sessions. We would be very grateful if you could remind the children of these.

- ♦ The camera is switched on so the teacher can see who is in attendance.
- ♦ The microphone is muted at the start of the session.
- ♦ The child's name is displayed in the name panel and that this is not changed.
- ♦ It is strictly forbidden to record or distribute any of these sessions.
- ♦ These sessions are not for parent conversations with teachers. (We would ask that adults in the house move away from the screen once the meeting has started).
- ♦ Children must be appropriately dressed for these sessions e.g. no nightwear.
- ♦ Communicate in class groups; one to one sessions are not permitted.
- ♦ Be situated in a suitable public living area within the home, with an appropriate background. (Bedrooms are not an ideal place to hold video communication).
- ♦ Use appropriate language – this includes others in the household.
- ♦ Maintain the standard of behaviour expected in school. (For example, not shouting out. Children will be asked to put their hand up if they have something to say).
- ♦ Always remember that anyone on screen is visible.
- ♦ Zoom passwords and ID must not be shared on social media/ messaging services etc. If you need these details please contact the school.
- ♦ Class teachers will stop the meeting if they feel it is necessary/appropriate.