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Spring Term Newsletter No.2**Friday 15th January 2021****Messages from Mrs Eveleigh...**

Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week across the partnership with a few teething problems for home learning. Staff soon found out that hyperlinks remain even if you over type the words on the hyperlink with a new website! Thank you to our helpful parents that let us know. Apologies if this impacted you (EYFS /Yr1/2 ICT).

Thank you for supporting your child in their second week of home learning; we are eagerly awaiting the completed Home Learning Logs, so we can celebrate the effort and hard work that they have been doing! Please do encourage your child to comment in the "child's message for their teacher" section and, similarly, do use the "parent message" box to let us know anything that has gone particularly well for you, or that you may need some help with.

We are aware that there are other learning opportunities for your child to engage in (for example the 3 hours of primary programming on CBeebies) and we ask that if your child does not follow the school-provided home learning plan, can you please fill in the relevant boxes on the Home Learning Log with details of the learning that they completed in place of the school-directed activities.

As always, if you are unsure about the expectations for home learning, or you are not sure what your child is meant to be doing, please do contact us and we will do our best to help you.

Ofsted expectations is that there is at least 3 hours a day of home learning completed by primary aged children, and your logs being returned helps us to keep track of it.

Your child's **REMOTE HOME LEARNING TIMETABLES** for next week are now up on our websites. The work is the same for both schools.

We are going to start our first LIVE TEAMS presentation on Monday for Reception children. Fingers crossed both parents and school will manage. I am sure we will all navigate our way through 😊. Please see the separate emails we will be sending you with the relevant links.

COVID -UPDATE

Across the partnership, we have had 2 children who tested positive over Christmas, but who have not been in school at all this term, in addition to one of our administrative staff. These cases have not affected any bubbles or children in school and, should we get any confirmed cases,

that impact you, your child, or the schools we will let you know as soon as possible. These cases do demonstrate the need for continued vigilance both in and out of school and the need to stick to the stringent guidelines please. With this in mind, please can I remind you that it is essential you stay 2 meters apart along the pathway to school for those of you who need our services.

We do have a large number of critical workers and vulnerable children, (at times over 30% in each school), and, although there is no definitive bubble size by the government, we are keeping to the same bubble size guidelines as previously a measure to support our risk assessments. Teaching staff are in school teaching and are also planning and responding to home learners in this lockdown. It is a busy time.

For those children who are in receipt of free school meals and are working remotely, your food hampers will be ready to collect from your school this coming Tuesday afternoon. After next week, we are hoping to use the voucher system going forward. If your personal circumstances have changed and you think you may now qualify, please, please do get in touch with us.

Please remember you can always arrange to speak to me either by telephone or TEAMS if you have any worries or concerns, or indeed suggestions that will support the children's learning.

Please have a look at Robin's Assembly for the last few weeks- sincere apologies for the delay:

Spring Term Week 1: Epiphany

Spring Term Week 2: Faith in 3 words

Spring Term Week 3: Another Man's Shoes

Keep Safe!

Kindest regards,

Deborah Eveleigh

Executive Head Teacher

LETTERS SENT OUT THIS WEEK

TVP Remote learning Policy

Live Session Letter

Going Live with TEAMS across the partnership

Letter from Mr Johnson (Class 3 only)

TEAM POINTS and STARS of the WEEK

We have been unable to collate team points this week. However, we have had some real stars this week 😊.

Community News There is no community news this week.

STARS OF THE WEEK

(Certificates to be emailed home next week)

Webber's	Burlescombe
Seth Quin Lauren- a special welcome to our schools and well done on a great first week 😊.	Blake S George Leon

Diary Dates

Monday 18 th January	Both Schools	Week 3 Home Learning – details on the website
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CHILDREN'S CORNER



From Webber's ...

James:

What did the Queen do when she burped?
Issued a royal pardon!

What's a ghost's favourite food?
Spookgetti

Oliver and Amelia: The National Aquarium are hosting live lessons every week on their You Tube Channel which as brilliant - this week was all about volcanos: 😊

<https://youtu.be/IDUpkYE3fDY>

From Burlescombe:

From Jacob

Hi,

Jacob would like to tell everyone that wombat's poo is cube shaped.

I looked it up, and it is true! They are the only known species on the planet to poo cubes. The cubes are about 2 cm square, and the wombat stacks them up, the higher the better, to communicate with and attract other wombats.

While we were looking up how and why wombats poo cubes, we discovered that there is a National Poo Museum on the Isle of Wight that has a specimen. When lockdown is over Jacob wants to go to the Isle of Wight to visit the Poo Museum!

(Thank you, Alex)