

11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parent/Carers

### **Remote learning**

A big thank you to all of you, parents, carers and children that have pushed through the challenge of accessing remote learning via TEAMS. We are proud of how much you have all had to upskill yourselves with this.

We know it is not going to be easy and know that at times you are going to get frustrated but please continue to work with us on access all home learning electronically.

If you do have any issues, you do need to contact the teachers that are responsible for this, rather than the school office.

### **Paper-based packs**

As we have mentioned previously, these will only be sent out as a last resort and **MUST** be kept to a minimum.

If you genuinely need these please contact the relevant class teacher to let them know. These packs will be delivered at least twice a week by a member of staff but will need bringing back to school by a member of your family or you could always take a photograph of your child's work and email to the relevant teacher.

### **Completing work set**

It is also our duty to monitor those child who are and are not accessing remote learning in whichever form. If your child is not accessing this on a daily basis we will be contacting you to discuss this issue, as it is important that all children access some form of education.

### **Benefits Entitled Free School Meals**

Families who are in receipt of free school should have received the link for the voucher. The next set of vouchers will be sent out next week.

We know that financial situations within families are changing constantly, therefore if you feel that your circumstances now meet the threshold for free-school meals you can apply by ringing 0300 500 8080 or via the Nottinghamshire County Council website.

### **Reading books/ 100 book Challenge**

This current lockdown was not something that was foreseen when we finished for the Christmas break and we are now aware that virtually all of our children have at least one reading book at home that belongs to school. Following the first lockdown the school had to replace a lot of reading books. We are not in a position to do this a second time.

We would ask that you either put it in a safe place so that they can be returned once schools open fully or you drop it off at school if possible.

### **Guitar lessons**

See message below from Mr Langdale, our guitar teacher:

If there are any of my guitar pupils who would like to continue their lessons during this lockdown would it be possible for you to contact the school office for my email address then we can arrange to do this via zoom.

### **Staying in touch**

During the school week we would expect there to be regular contact with all of the children and a teacher. For those children that are accessing in-school provision this can of course be done face-to-face. For those accessing remote learning this can be done as the children submit their work to the teacher.

Please get in touch if you do have a question or need something clarifying.

Remember to stay home and stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C.A. Smith', written in a cursive style.

Mrs C.A. Smith (Head of School)