

Weekly News - 15th January 2021

Dear parents,

I hope everyone is safe and well. School has been very busy over the past two weeks so our apologies for no weekly update last week.

Home learning



Thank you for all of your hard work with the home learning. We hope that the live element to the teaching is bringing your child's learning alive.

The staff have been working hard to ensure that all of the children have access to the lessons and we are all learning new things each day.

I have been so proud of the teachers for adapting their teaching so quickly to make sure our children have access to live teaching each day.

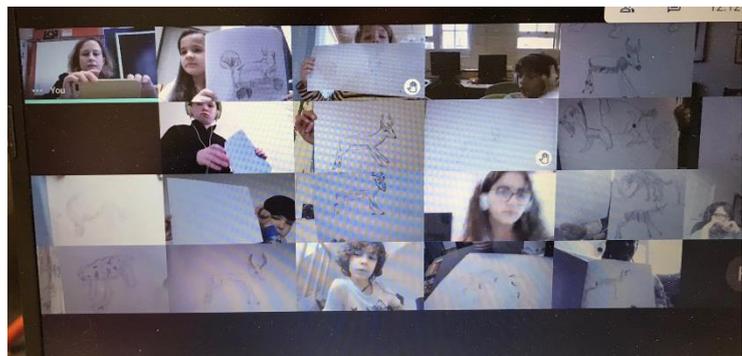
The attendance to lessons has been really high so thank you for helping your child/ren to sign onto their Google Classroom.

A huge 'thank you' must go to Terri and Angelica, in the school office, for working tirelessly to support you and the teachers to help make it all happen. I think they have become 'experts' over the past ten days!

We have been able to offer laptops to all families that have requested them, 34 so far. If you are struggling please get in touch and we will see how we can help. Thank you to the parents who have donated laptops, the Friends of Reay for purchasing some laptops and finally the DFE for supplying some to the school.

Many parents have been to collect books and resources to support learning at home, if you have not been able to collect and still need these let us know and we can arrange for you to collect.

We are looking into what other resources might be helpful for parents to have at home including resources to



support hands on creative learning. I will be in touch next week with more information of when you can collect these resources. We hope this will be useful.

Ms Hall is now posting some art ideas on her Twitter feed which all children can access. [@misshallreay](#)

It is important that the children continue to learn while they are at home but we do understand that home learning is not always easy or workable every day. If you are finding it difficult please do not give yourself a hard time, if you need help please let us know and we will try to help, where we can.

Sometimes we need to breathe and step away from our screens and do something completely different, we understand this. Please remember the children can learn in many different ways including play, cookery, junk modeling, reading, drawing, listening to a story, going for a walk, playing board games etc

School meal vouchers and food

All families who are entitled to Free School Meals should have received vouchers to cover the cost of pupil lunches. These were sent out Monday 4th and 11th January. If you are experiencing any problems with your vouchers please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

You will also receive a voucher to cover the half term holiday.

This week we have also given out breakfast supplies to our families. The boxes were on top of the vouchers and included cereal, oats, rice, fresh fruit, bread and milk. We will be offering this again on 27th January. Look out for a text closer to the time.

Next week we are expecting a delivery from Fareshare. Again, please look out for a text informing you of the day and time the stall will be set up.



Key worker places



I am afraid that we are unable to offer anymore Key worker places. The uptake has been much higher than in the Spring and we do not have the capacity to offer any more places.

If this situation changes we will let you know.

Have a lovely weekend and be safe
Mrs. Andrews