

# Weekly Word

29.1.2021

To all Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and managed to take full advantage of the snow on Sunday and Monday! We had some lovely photos sent in by parents/carers and it looked like everyone was having a well deserved bit of fun outdoors.

So, looking ahead to next week...

## **Remote Learning**

Virtual Breaktimes and KS2 Story Time (both on MS Teams) have now ended. The KS1 Story Time will remain as attendance is generally much higher. Live Lessons (defined as 'Real-Time' and/or Pre-recorded) began on Monday morning and next week we will be trialling the same thing in the afternoons on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Keep an eye on your child's Teams calendar for further details.

## **Asymptomatic Covid-19 Testing of all Teaching and Non-Teaching staff (see extra letter attached to this email)**

You may have seen in the news that the DfE (Department for Education) are now asking all teaching and non-teaching staff to be tested twice a week in school. There are no further details to add apart from we are all set to start with this on Monday. With an increase in asymptomatic testing (they give a result in 30 mins) there is, however, an increase in the likelihood of bubble closures. We hope this won't be the case but it is something I wanted to mention.

## **Children's Mental Health Week**

Next week is Children's Mental Health Week and the theme is 'Express Yourself'. There will be a whole school assembly with me on Monday and then a series of activities throughout the week for those in school and those at home. Next Friday is also a non-school uniform day on the theme of express yourself so go crazy!!

## **March 8<sup>th</sup>...**

Earlier this week Boris Johnson announced that schools would not return any earlier than March 8<sup>th</sup> 2021. At the moment that's as much as know but if any further details become available then we will pass them on. Tentatively, we are aiming towards reopening on that date but we all know how quickly things can change!

## **Parents Evening**

After half term we would normally schedule a Parent/Carer Evening to discuss your child's progress in school. With everything as it is at the moment, we are just deciding if that date still works as we want you and the children to get the most from it – more to follow on this.

Have a lovely weekend and see you at the assembly on Monday ☺

Mr I. Johnson

