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Dear Parents

As we race to the end of our third full week back it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled back into school life. It feels as if they have never been away. Routines are established and the attitudes to learning being displayed are a credit to you all. Last week we were able to trial our first virtual whole school shine assembly. It was simply fabulous to see everyone together, albeit on the computer screen. We have had a successful second attempt this morning and we think our broadcasting skills are now sufficient enough to begin to invite parents. If your child is receiving the Shine or Citizen award, you will receive a text with the Zoom invitation and a follow-up email via ParentMail giving instructions of how and when to join us. As ever, this information is top secret - the children love the element of surprise on a Friday morning!

Reading Books

The children can now take reading books home so that they can continue to practise their reading outside of school. Reading books will be kept in the children's class or year group 'bubbles'. When they are returned to school, all books will be 'quarantined' for a minimum of 72 hours before they are taken home by another child.

Home Learning & Google Classrooms

Home learning tasks continue to be set on Google Classroom in a topic folder called 'Homework'. These tasks can be completed and submitted via Google classroom or children can complete the tasks in their homework books and hand these in to their teacher. If work is completed on Google Classroom, there is no expectation for this to then be printed and stuck into homework books. Teachers will check and return work via Google Classroom and mark homework books when they are returned.

If you are unable to access Google Classroom, please let class teachers know and paper copies can be provided.

Spellings will be handed out on paper and will also be available on your child's Google Classroom. These will be saved, along with any useful spelling resources, in a topic folder called 'Spellings'.

Keeping safe

I'm certain most of you saw the address from our Prime Minister on Wednesday evening and with it the increased restrictions that have been introduced to help minimise the spread of the virus. I wanted to reassure you that in school, our children will continue to wash and sanitise their hands frequently throughout the day, extra cleaning will continue and bubbles will remain in place. Parents of children that report any of the symptoms of the virus whilst in school will continue to be contacted.

If you are uncertain about the symptoms please visit the following website:
<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/>



In addition, the government has written a letter to parents and carers which can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child/letter-to-parents-and-guardians-when-you-should-book-a-coronavirus-test-for-your-child>

The following BBC link has a great video which explains the symptoms as well:

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-54145299?fbclid=IwAR2KbL6CUHGFrfFtEBKp1sqc0VikKYAvsDRN4SkBLE5dL8l6K_xNx41NiMM

With some new restrictions being introduced for all of us, it is really important that social distancing is maintained at the start and end of the days. Please ensure you do not gather in groups on the school site or around the gates and once you have dropped off or collected your child you leave the site immediately. Following further requests from parents we would ask that parents entering the site wear face masks if they are able to. May we also remind you of the pick up times for each year group - teachers will not release children until their designated time (unless by prior arrangement with the school office) as we want to ensure that every minute of learning time counts.

3:05pm - Years 2, 4 and 6

3:15pm - Years 1, 3 and 5

3:25pm - Foundation

As always, we thank you for your support. We know how challenging life is at the moment however, by working together we can try and ensure that school remains as much fun as possible for the children.

Kind regards,
Martin and Genaya