



Newsletter – Friday 29th January 2021

Starting back at 'school' seems so long ago now! It did not take long for us to have to change all our plans at the start of this year. If anything, I think we have all become well versed in having to amend things at quite short notice! In school, we are currently setting new dates for our cancelled Mindful Minis sessions, the planned TriKidz Challenge days and we will be reviewing our approach to the 'tuition' we had planned for after school with some children.

It is difficult to plan things given that we do not really know what the arrangements will be for schools. The time scale indicates that we will be in this current situation until at least Friday 5th March. I have no 'insider knowledge' with the planned return to school for all children, only my experience of June 2020, when the date of our phased return to school changed on a week by week basis. We will continue to make use of Government Guidance over the coming weeks and I will of course keep you up to date via emails (and through the Headteacher messages I have started to put together). Please see the links below for all the messages that have been recorded, including the one for this week:

Friday 15th January 2021

<https://youtu.be/tSJBrSftQWc>

Friday 22nd January 2021

<https://youtu.be/GSBcBBFBkFM>

Friday 29th January 2021

<https://youtu.be/Kj9lPeXuXFc>

It has been great to see all our nursery children and our other children in school, over the past few weeks. It has also been good to see and hear how you have all adapted well at home, accessing the work that has been set by our teachers via Seesaw. Thank you for your support with this. It is down to the excellent work of our staff that we have our systems in place. If you are ever unsure about any aspect of our remote home learning, please refer to the documents below which should be able to support and guide you and your child:

Remote Home Learning Information for parents/carers:

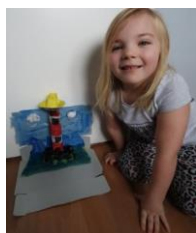
<https://www.saintgeorgescentral.wigan.sch.uk/Documents/covid/Remote%20Home%20Learning%20Information.pdf>

Remote Home Learning Provision:

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As we are planning for our return to school (in some way and at some point), I would be grateful for your feedback to support our approach. I received lots of informal feedback outside school regarding the approaches we had taken during the Autumn Term (timings, systems etc) and so it would be good if you could provide us with some formal feedback by clicking the link below to **complete the short survey** so that you can support our approaches moving forwards. The survey will be 'open' until **Friday 5th February**:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/WLTZWR/>



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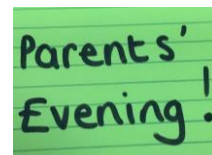


Class based Worship themes – During this first half term of 2021, children have been focusing on the following:

School Value: Friendship

Reflective question: What do I value most in a friend?

Phone calls home – Our staff have continued to make contact with children at home this term via weekly phone calls home. The aim of these informal calls has been to support you and your child with home learning and to see if there is anything else we can do to help you while your children are at home. For our 'official' parents' evening, we will be continuing with a 'formal' 10 minute phone call home to replace our usual 'face to face' meetings. An initial email will be sent to you asking you to contact the school/nursery office to arrange a date and time for your call. So that we can collate all the information, you will be asked to do this by a given date. We will then confirm all arrangements with staff and you will receive your confirmed time the week prior to the call home. Emails to all our Early Years classes will be sent out next week. Please see below for arrangements for phone calls home to **all** classes:



Date of phone calls home	Class and time of phone calls home	*This is the date the initial email will be sent to you:	Please ring the school/nursery office to confirm your date and phone call time by this date:	We will send a letter to you with your confirmed phone call time on this date:
Monday 22nd February	Lancaster Ave Nursery: 1:30pm – 4:00pm Darlington St Nursery: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Rec: NT: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 1 st February	Friday 5 th February	Wednesday 10 th February
Tuesday 23rd February	Rec: TK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 24th February	Lancaster Ave Nursery: 1:30pm – 4:00pm Darlington St Nursery: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Rec: NT: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 25th February	Rec: TK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Monday 1st March	Y1TL: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y1/2OB: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 8 th February	Friday 12 th February	Wednesday 24 th February
Tuesday 2nd March	Y2JW: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 3rd March	Y1TL: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y1/2OB: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 4th March	Y2JW: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Monday 8th March	Y3LK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y3/4CS: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 22 nd February	Friday 26 th February	Wednesday 3 rd March
Tuesday 9th March	Y4HJ: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 10th March	Y3LK: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y3/4CS: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 11th March	Y4HJ: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Monday 15th March	Y5/6NC: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y6AJM: 4:00pm – 7:00pm	Monday 1 st March	Friday 5 th March	Wednesday 10 th March
Tuesday 16th March	Y5JY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Wednesday 17th March	Y5/6NC: 4:00pm – 7:00pm Y6AJM: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			
Thursday 18th March	Y5JY: 4:00pm – 7:00pm			

****Please only contact school/nursery once you have received the initial email on the Monday – our school/nursery office will be ready to receive your responses once the email has been sent.***



Year 5 Hinning House residential – I have recently emailed all Year 5 parents/carers regarding our Hinning House residential. The review planned by the government education group to take place in February, will still be taking place. It is within this review that a decision will be made about outdoor centres and residential trips taking place after Easter 2021. Please note, any decision regarding the going ahead of our planned April trip will be made in light of the government review and also in conjunction with our school governors. We are currently collating your responses to my email and we now await the outcome of the government review.

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****Some of our staff in school have 'opted-in' to have a twice weekly COVID-19 test. These will start from next week onwards****



School Swimming – Our children in Year 3 and Year 4 usually start school swimming lessons at The Pelican Centre after February half term each year. As things currently stand, our children will be returning to school on Monday 8th March and so we are planning that our school swimming sessions will go ahead from this point onwards. Therefore, I will email all Year 3 and Year 4 parents/carers after half term with our usual information sheet regarding school swimming. Unless anything changes, we will continue to make plans for school for swimming to start upon our planned return on Monday 8th March.



'Celebration days' in school – Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day and we will be celebrating Chinese New Year on Friday 12th February. On these days, activities will be set in school (and via Seesaw for children at home) to support your children's understanding of these important events.



Reception starters 2021 – If you have a church card to support your child's application into our school for September 2021, please ensure you hand this in at the school office by **Monday 1st March 2021**.



Just so that you can start to make your half term arrangements, we currently have **no plans** for school to be open to any children during the February half term. I am aware that many of you have made use of informal 'childcare bubbles' during the recent national lockdown and so you can now start to put any arrangements in place for the half term week. Both our sites will close to children on Friday 12th February and re-open to key worker and other identified children on Monday 22nd February. The next 'official' newsletter will be sent out on Friday 26th February but please look out for any school updates that may come through via email in the meantime. Thank you for your continued support. Have a great month with your family.

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