

St Andrew's Primary School

Dag Lane
North Kilworth
Leicestershire LE176HD



Newsletter January 2021

What a surprising start to the week we had with snow! It has been lovely to see photos of you all enjoying the snow with your families. I know that teachers have said how excited the children were to build snowmen and generally have fun in the snow.

As we near half term, thoughts go to next half term where we hope at some point we will be inviting you all back to school. However, at present we do not know when this will be. The government has however said that we all will be given 2 weeks notice when it happens.

As you are aware the village is experiencing problems with internet, this has affected the school and we are currently unable to provide live remote learning sessions. We also are not able to make outgoing phone calls from our landline although we have diverted the number so we can answer incoming calls. If the situation continues, we will make alternative provision for Monday for those pupils who live in the village and have no internet. The trust is working very hard to help us sort these issues and we will update you as soon as we have further information.

Thank you for the parents that have submitted the feedback form about our home learning. It has really helped us to get a sense of the challenges that you face at home. We are in the process of looking at our home-schooling offer and adapting it slightly in response to your feedback. These changes will happen over the next few weeks.

As always, we consider the wellbeing of all families to be of the greatest importance. Juggling between home and work commitments, along with home learning is a big ask. It is important to consider the best balance for you between home learning and time spent to ensure everyone's wellbeing. Please do what you can at home, we understand that everyone's situation is different. We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone for all the fantastic things you are doing and congratulate you for the effort being put in with helping our children to continue with their education.

Well-being wave

You will have received an email about the well-being wave. We would love all the pupils to be part of the WELLBEING WAVE project which starts on Monday 1st February. Please check your emails for further information!



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Internet safety

During lockdown more of our children are accessing the internet independently. The internet is an amazing resource which enables children and young people to connect, communicate and be creative in a number of different ways, on a range of devices. However, the internet is always changing, and being able to keep up to date with your children's use of technology can be a challenge. You may sometimes feel that your children have better technical skills than you do, however children and young people still need advice and protection when it comes to managing their lives online. Issues that your child may encounter on the internet will vary depending on their age and online activities. Some great websites to find out more information about how you can help your child are <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/what-are-issues> or <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> The school is always here to offer advice or point you towards useful resources if you have any concerns.

Free School Meals.

In line with Government guidance, Free School Meal vouchers will be issued to eligible pupils who are at home remote learning during this current lockdown. If any parent thinks they may now be eligible for income-related Free School Meals, please contact the office so we can check. Those eligible will be contacted separately by the office to explain how the scheme works.

Children in school

Please make sure your children are wearing enough warm clothing including a warm waterproof coat, hat gloves and suitable footwear. We will be outside for playtimes and outdoor learning everyday where possible, and as set out in the government recommendations, windows in classrooms must be open to ensure we get good ventilation throughout the school building. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school to keep hydrated.

School Nurse

If you have concerns about your child regarding their behaviour, sleep, continence, diet, emotional wellbeing etc, you may contact the NHS Leicestershire Partnership 'Healthy Together' school nurse team on 07520 615381.

Fun in the Snow.



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