



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you for completing the recent survey about our current Remote Learning provision. We appreciate the time many of you spent responding to it. It has been really informative and valuable to hear your comments, views and thoughts. There have been some suggestions that we feel we can action and implement straight away, and we are working on these this week. All of your comments and suggestions are valued, and we will continue to explore the information we have gained.



Screen Free Day...

In recent months the children have all been using their screens for much longer than usual. Screen time is often something many families try to limit, but recently this has been incredibly difficult. This week we will be having a Screen Free Day on **Thursday 11th February**. The children will have access to a Screen Free Day grid of exciting challenges and tasks that they can choose from. The challenges and tasks require no technology devices, and there will be no Teams meetings on this day. The grid will be made available before the day so that you can look at it in advance. We have created one grid, which takes into account different ages and preferences. If you have more than one child in your family, there are challenges and tasks that they could complete together. We welcome your feedback following our first Screen Free Day.

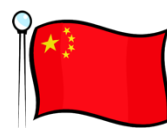
PE with Mr O'Rourke...

Many of you would like to see more PE on our Remote Learning Provision. Exercise is great for our well-being, so we are making plans for this to happen.

Look out for more information about this...



As well as PE sessions, if possible, a daily walk and noticing and appreciating our natural environment is another great option to look after our well-being.



Chinese New Year...

Friday 12th February is Chinese New Year.

This Year the Chinese New Year animal sign is the Ox.

On Friday the children will be set tasks related to Chinese New Year.

This is a bright, vibrant and interesting festival and we hope that the children enjoy learning about it. The Chinese flag has two main colours red and yellow.

We would like to invite the children, both at home and in school to dress in red and/or yellow.

We will look out for the bright colours on the Friday Teams Meetings.



Live Assemblies...

Thank you to Dan Sach from West Kirby United Reformed Church, who has been delivering Live Assemblies to the children in Year 1 – Year 6. I am pleased to say that Dan will be delivering another Live Assembly in the first week back after half term.

Look out for the Zoom links that we will send to you.



Children's Mental Health...

Last week was Children's Mental Health Week. Looking after children's mental health and well-being is really important to us, and we always want to do our best to support this. This week, across the school the children will be reading the book 'A Huge Bag of Worries' and completing follow up tasks related to the book.



Mr Procter will be offering Mindfulness sessions this week (Monday – Wednesday). It would be great to see as many children as possible attending these sessions on Teams.

Contacting School...

We always welcome you keeping in touch with us. When contacting a member of staff, please can we ask that you use the correct email addresses for each phase – thank you in advance.



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EYFS (F1 and F2)

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Key Stage One (Year 1 and Year 2)

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We will do our best to respond to you as quickly as possible.



The VLE message facility is only to be used for the children to message staff and vice versa. If you would like to communicate with staff, please use the above emails.

Remote Learning...

We would like to thank all of you for taking on the role of supporting your children at home with Remote Learning. The work that the children have been completing and submitting has been really good. We have seen some brilliant Writing, outstanding Artwork, and heard about some exciting Science experiments. Staff have been amazed at the creativity and flexibility that many of the children have shown, and they have been able to achieve this through your support and encouragement.

Printing...

There is no requirement for anything to be printed each day. If you have the facility to print and you want to print, that is ok. If you don't have printing facilities class teachers will direct the children to other options and give instructions as to how the work can be completed. However, for most lessons the work that is being uploaded to the VLE is being tailored to accommodate no printing.

Expectations...

It is great when we can see as many children as possible on Teams, so that they can have input from our teachers for the morning sessions.

The weekly timetable outlines the work for the children each day, and this adheres to the Government guidelines that we have to follow. However, we understand that this does not work for every family and some children need more adult support than others. If all of the tasks on the timetable can be completed every day, that is great. However we understand that there are some days where this is just not possible for many different reasons. On occasions, for some, a walk, an afternoon baking, making crafts or playing board games may be what your child needs.

Keep in touch with us, and will we do our best to support you where we can.

Spring 2 Dates...

22nd February – 7th March: **Fairtrade Fortnight**

4th March: **World Book Day**

21st March: **Census 2021 Day**

It has been a challenging start to the Spring term for us all in West Kirby Primary School and we thank you for your continued support. As Acting Headteacher I would also like to say thank you to all the staff who have worked amazingly hard to make the transition to Remote Learning, whilst also providing face to face learning for the children who have been in school. I hope all children, parents, staff and governors can have a well-deserved half term break – stay safe.

Mrs E Bailey (Acting Headteacher)