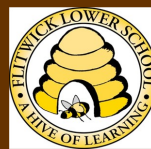


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Flitwick Lower School Newsletter



22nd January 2021

Message to everyone

Hi everyone, I hope you are all keeping safe and well. It is a very strange in school without you all, but I am so proud of the great work you have been doing at home. We need to say a huge thank you to all the grown ups who are helping you with your home learning. Remember to email your work to your teacher so they can see what you have been doing and give you some feedback. I've seen some fabulous work this week and can see how hard you are all working. It is important to keep up with your school work so you don't forget all of your learning.

I hope you have been enjoying all the recorded sessions to help with home learning. We have decided on this approach so that you can access these at different times of the day and repeat the learning whenever you need to. This has really helped those of you with older children who may be linking into live lessons at a different school.

If you need any help with printing out work please email in and we will be able to prepare some packs for you to pick up. Also don't forget to come and pick up your topic/work book so you can keep all of your work together. We are also giving every family a pack of printer paper to help with printing at home. I have been in contact with a local charity 'SVP' and they have funded 6 boxes of printer paper to help us with this.

We have been able to issue digital devices to support learning at home to those children who are eligible and the majority of families that have requested help. If you need any support in this area, please let us know and we will see what we can do to assist. We have been able to access some devices from the government scheme but we have also been very fortunate to have donations from some very generous parents. This has enabled us to purchase some brand new tablets.

It is also important that you have time to do some physical activities such as going for a walk, playing in the garden, going for a bike ride. We have been joining in with Joe Wicks and doing some 'Just Dance' which you can also do at home.

The zoom calls are going really well and I know the teachers love catching up with you. If you haven't logged on yet, your class teacher should have called you to see if they can help. This is such a lovely way to see you all and for you to see some of your friends. I hope you have enjoyed the different activities that have been planned for these times.

Critical Worker Places

We continue to provide places for children whose parents are classed as critical workers but can I please remind you that if you are working at home you should keep your child at home as this is the safest place. I know that most of you are doing this but we are now full in most years and would ask that you follow this guidance.

This is clearly stated in the government guidance '**Children with at least one parent or carer who is a critical worker can go to school or college if required, but parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can**'

LATERAL FLOW TESTING

This is just to notify you that we will begin lateral flow testing for all staff members from Monday 25th January.

These will take place twice a week on a Monday and a Thursday in the morning before school. We will notify you immediately if we have a positive test and will put into place our close contact tracing. So please ensure your PING is working and you check it before 8am on these mornings in case we have to close one of the 'bubbles'

TERM DATES:

Spring Term

5th Jan — 26th March 2021

Half Term

15th - 19th February

Summer Term

12th April—21st July

Half Term

31st May—4th June

EMAIL ADDRESSES TO CONTACT CLASS TEACHERS

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These will be checked daily during the week and your queries /concerns responded to promptly. These may not be monitored over the weekend so if you email over the weekend you will have a response on the Monday.