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Letter 16

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parents/Guardian,

ALL LETTERS ARE ALSO ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE UNDER THE NEWSLETTER TAB

NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 11th January	Week 2 dinner menu Richard Darcy doing sports with class 2 and 3. Children may come in school PE kit with track suit bottoms/warm layers rather than getting changed in school.
Tuesday 12th January	
Wednesday 13th January	
Thursday 14th January	
Friday 15th January	
Please may I remind you to phone us if your child is absent so we know why they are absent and send a letter or email to school as soon as your child has returned to school, dated, explaining their absence for us to keep as a record at school.	

WHOLE SCHOOL NOTICES

HAPPY NEW YEAR

I would like to begin to wish everyone a Happy New Year at the start of 2021 although it has already been an interesting start. A National lock down and then school having to close early due to snow! Thank you so much to everyone for your patience and understanding, particularly on Monday when people were anxiously waiting to hear what Boris had to say and whether your children could come into school. I can honestly say it has been one of the most stressful weeks of my 25 years in teaching, getting 12 hours notice to shut the school to all but critical worker children and vulnerable children.

I would like to particularly thank staff who have worked tirelessly trying to sort out lessons for home learners and for school learners at such short notice. It is very time consuming trying to find appropriate teaching videos or power points to teach lessons or find activities which children can do independently. We are aware that there are some issues with what people can access so please keep liaising with class teachers. School learners will not be sent the email from class teachers since they are in school.

Work we are doing in school is the same as those at home and where there was a lot of consolidating in the last lock down it is very much the expectation that we continue to teach new objectives from the curriculum.

PRIMARY SCHOOL ASSESSMENTS

Primary school assessments (SATs) have been cancelled for this academic year however staff have to still do teacher assessments which is why it is important that home learners ensure that they return the set work to school either electronically or as a hard copy.

SCHOOL LEARNERS

The main aim of this closure of school is to minimise the number of people mixing to help prevent the spread, however only one parent this time needs to be a critical worker, therefore we currently have half the school in.

I have attached the Tier 5 guidance from the government below and ask that people do follow this please. Staff are anxious with so many children in school and having had one of our teachers off poorly with COVID-19 for half a term, we cannot risk bubbles being closed and other staff being poorly or even dying due to people not following the guidance. If an adult in your family has symptoms, please consider also taking your child to be tested since children often don't have symptoms, but then can test positive and then we can ensure we put correct procedures in place with relevant people self-isolating.

I was upset this week to hear from staff who had overheard children in school talking about meeting with other children from other households, or children who aren't currently in school during this week. It may be people who are in each others support bubbles, however if not, this is putting other children, staff and families at risk since children are often asymptomatic and may be unknowingly spreading the virus. Current Tier 5 restrictions clearly states:

'It is against the law to meet socially with family or friends unless they are part of your household or support bubble.'
The following guidance is regarding who can form support bubbles <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/making-a-support-bubble-with-another-household#who-can-make-a-support-bubble>

If you think it is more important to meet up with other people outside of your household or bubble, than helping to protect others, then please consider keeping your child at home.

HOME LEARNERS

Staff had problems sending attachments to emails, therefore Mrs Montgomery will continue her current practice using Tapestry and her class email address as her emails seem to be sending without an issue. Class 2 and 3 will have all their work put on the school website. Please go to the Home learning tab then select the tab for your child's year group. The overview of work will be saved each week in the 'previous week' tab so that if you miss some work, you can still retrieve it.

Please only send work that has been set by the staff to teachers and use the teacher email addresses below not admin@ since we are being inundated in the office with emails which then need to be forwarded to the class teacher.

Please may I remind you that your work should be returned as it is being printed off and stuck into school books.

CLASS TEACHER CONTACTS

If you need to contact your child's class teacher directly, they each have a school email address:

Mrs Montgomery (Reception and year 1) YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org

Mrs Sharp (Year 6 Maths) Year6maths@ainderby.dalesmat.org

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone

We hope you and your family had a lovely Christmas even with all the restrictions in place, and we are back to where we were last March, it is a worrying time for us all.

Even though you are not all-in preschool we are going to give you some ideas for activities that you can do at home with your children which you could then put on Tapestry for us to see.

This half term our Theme is Weather. The children have created some pictures using shaving foam and PVA glue they love mixing the foam and glue together then putting it on some card to make cloud pictures.

We made Ice decorations in plastic cups filling them up with things found in the garden put string in them and fill with water leave overnight and at the moment it will freeze to make a beautiful ice decoration. You can then talk about what happens when it gets warmer/colder.

The children made bird feeders with fir cones, lard and bird seed they love to mix it all together and get very messy. We then hung them in the garden and watched the birds come to feed, we had a lovely Robin come straight away. We also put some water out for the birds and we had lots of conversation about why it's important to feed the birds in winter. Children love to watch the birds come and feed, this teaches them to show care and concern for living things. These are just a few creative things you can do at home.

For those Children starting school in September this year you can keep practicing their names and using the phonic letter sheets which were sent home to you. Please make sure you encourage your child to hold their pencil in the correct position. Alphablocks is also good for Phonics.

In Math's you could get your child to compare two groups of objects saying when they have the same number you can do this by using two bowls and any objects which interests your child.

Keep practicing numbers 1-10 by playing games and singing songs. Number Blocks is a good and fun program on TV for your child to watch.

You could also go on Cbeebies for P.E - Andys wild workouts.

I hope this is useful and that you have fun with your children.

Have a safe weekend

Tracy, Alison, Helen and Fiona

OTHER SCHOOL ITEMS SENT HOME TONIGHT

Please remember to look at all the attachments attached to the school email to ensure you have all the information needed regarding school. I am now putting all letters on the school website.

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher



ENGLAND LOCKDOWN

STAY AT HOME

THE NEW STRAIN OF CORONAVIRUS IS SPREADING FAST. WE ALL NEED TO PLAY OUR PART TO STOP THE SPREAD.

▶ LEAVING HOME

You must not leave, or be outside of your home or garden, except for a very limited set of exemptions e.g. to shop for basic necessities, exercise, go to work if you cannot do so from home, or to escape risk of harm.

▶ MEETING OTHERS

You cannot leave your home to meet socially with anyone, except with your household or support bubble (if eligible to form one). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ EXERCISE

You may exercise on your own, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household (when on your own). Stay 2 metres apart from anyone not in your household or support bubble.

▶ BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS

Hospitality closed aside from sales by takeaway (until 11pm), click-and-collect, drive-through or delivery. Alcohol cannot be purchased through takeaway or click-and-collect from hospitality venues.

▶ RETAIL

Essential shops can open. Non-essential retail must close and can only run click-and-collect and delivery.

▶ WORK AND BUSINESS

Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.

▶ EDUCATION

Early years settings open. Primary and secondary schools and colleges move to remote provision except for vulnerable children and children of critical workers. Most university students to move to remote learning.

▶ LEISURE AND SPORTING FACILITIES

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ ACCOMMODATION

Closed, with limited exceptions.

▶ PERSONAL CARE

Closed.

▶ ENTERTAINMENT

Closed.

▶ OVERNIGHT STAYS

You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply e.g. to stay with your support bubble.

▶ WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Weddings up to 6 people permitted in exceptional circumstances. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events of up to 6 permitted.

▶ PLACES OF WORSHIP

Places of worship can remain open and communal worship is permitted, but you must not mix with those outside your household or support bubble.

▶ TRAVELLING

You must stay at home. If you do leave home for a very limited set of exemptions, you should stay local in the village, town, or part of the city where you live where possible. Do not travel abroad unless an exemption applies.

▶ CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE

Shielding reintroduced across England. You should not travel to work, school, college or university and should limit the time you spend outside the home. You should only go out for medical appointments, exercise or if it is essential.

▶ CARE HOME VISITS

Visits can take place with arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, or behind windows. Close-contact indoor visits are not allowed. No visits will be permitted in the event of an outbreak but end of life visits are permitted in all circumstances.

STAY HOME ▶ PROTECT THE NHS ▶ SAVE LIVES

For more information go to:
[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus)

