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**Letter 17**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents/Guardian,

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

**NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL**

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| <b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>   | Week 3 dinner menu<br>Richard Darcy doing sports with class 2 and 3. Children please come in school PE kit with track suit bottoms/warm layers rather than getting changed in school. |
| <b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>  |   |
| <b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>  | Class 3 wear school PE kit please   |
| <b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>   |   |
| <b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>   |   |
| 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**

I hope everyone is keeping well, whether our remote learners or school learners. It has been another strange week with snow causing disruption on Thursday, but we have been able to open today. On snowy days, please check your emails from school or the school Facebook page which is where I will out the updates.

Thank you so much for all the lovely messages we have had, either to individual class teachers or sent to me. It really means a lot to see everyone working together, encouraging each other to 'be kind'. I read something today where someone described this situation as 'Coronacoaster' - Noun: *The ups and downs of a pandemic. One day, you're loving your bubble, going for walks, baking cakes and the next you're crying, feeding the kids chocolate for breakfast and missing people you don't even like!* I did laugh at this, as I think this sums up life at the moment. Everyone is experiencing their own difficulties, please be reassured we are here to support you and your children where we can.

I will be sending all emails out to everyone from now on as it is faster than having to sift through who is in school/not in school due to many people helping by sending children into school only on the days they are working. This has helped reduce numbers in school which minimises the contact between people at school, therefore helping to minimise the risk.

**UPDATED RISK ASSESSMENT**

I have just updated the risk assessment which I will be placing on the school website. Any changes to the risk assessment have been highlighted so you don't have to read through the whole document. Two of the key changes is that only 1 adult per family can now come onto the school site and parents must wait in the car if they arrive early to prevent people standing around mixing amongst others on site.

## SCHOOL LEARNERS

Thank you to everyone who has helped look at work patterns to ensure children are only in school when parents are working, this has really helped and we appreciate your support. Do please contact us when days need to change etc. as we can be flexible. The exception is before/after school club, we do need to know when children are booked in. If children are not booked in, kids club won't be open for that session.

### SNOWY WEATHER

Please ensure children have appropriate footwear, coats, hat scarf and gloves so they can go on the school field. Ideally boots for outside and either slippers or school shoes for inside.

## REMOTE LEARNERS

Please do let us know if you need any work sheets printed out as we are aware it is costly for print cartridges. We are already printing off lots for those who don't have printers so it makes little difference to us. These will need collecting from school. There is someone here from 8.00am - 5.00pm. As staff get into the new routine, we are trying to have work packs ready for the end of the day Friday. We have now got packs in school rather than the porch so that only staff are touching the packs to find your pack.

We are so impressed with the communication and all the work we are getting back from the children. Thank you to you all for either returning work to school or emailing it to us. It is great to see our remote learners engaging so well with their activities.

Where we can, particularly for maths, we are providing answer sheets so children can be the teacher and mark their work. This enables them to see where they have done well or had errors so staff can comment in their feedback email.

Please do communicate with staff if your child is struggling. We know many of you are juggling supporting more than one child, with secondary school children needing technology for live lessons as well as many of you having to work from home too - lots of juggling and it is not easy!

All class 3 had to design a shelter for Earnest Shackleton's expedition to the South Pole. Amazingly it snowed so it was even more realistic! Here is Jess and her shelter which she sent in - it looks fantastic!

### 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](mailto:YASClass1@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Link (years 2 and 3) [YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass2@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Watts (Years 4,5,6) [YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:YASClass3@ainderby.dalesmat.org)

Mrs Sharp (Year 6 Maths) [Year6maths@ainderby.dalesmat.org](mailto:Year6maths@ainderby.dalesmat.org)



## PRESCHOOL PARENTS

A reminder that as per the DfE guidance, Early Years Settings are open to all children.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone

We hope you have all had a good week and are keeping away from this terrible virus. This week at preschool the children have created some raindrop pictures using watered down paint, either using their fingers or some of them used a paint brush, they then flicked it onto the paper. You could have a go creating these at home with your children and don't forget to put it on Tapestry for us to see.

We have also made a Rainbow. We talked about what sort of weather we need for us to be able to see a Rainbow. Once again, we have been feeding the birds in the garden as they need as much help as we can give them in this very cold weather. We have been doing some bird watching; it's lovely to see all the different birds in our garden and the children love watching them. We have made more bird seed cake this week, the children love making this as its very messy.

Don't forget to keep practicing the children's names for those children starting school this year.

The Phonics this week was Aspect 2 which was tuning into sounds. We had the shakers out and we did some singing with them. We have been working on our numbers 1-10 with the children. We hope you have enjoyed this snowy weather and the children have managed to get out and play in it.

Have a lovely weekend and stay safe

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)