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Letter 19

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

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

NEXT WEEK AT SCHOOL

Monday 1st February	Week 2 dinner menu 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.
Tuesday 2nd February	
Wednesday 3rd February	Class 3 wear school PE kit please
Thursday 4th February	
Friday 5th February	1.15pm Class 3 TEAMS get together 2.00pm Class 2 TEAMS get together
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

OPENING SCHOOL TO ALL CHILDREN

The latest information is that schools will hopefully begin to open to more children from Monday 8th March, if the numbers of people in hospital have dropped and the infection rate is much lower. We have been promised two weeks' notice so hopefully we will have more information by 26th February.

I hope everyone is keeping well, both our school and remote learners. Thank you to everyone for your contact with school and many emails and messages we have had, it is really appreciated. I do think this lock down seems much harder. The first one in March last year was new and almost exciting as we had never experienced anything like it. This time, we have been there before, we know how hard it is, the weather isn't very good so we can't do as many things in the garden and there doesn't seem to be an end. We must however keep going, following the rules in place, but look at ways of being in touch with others such as through facetime, zoom, TEAMS etc. particularly look at getting your child in contact with their friends as it can be a lonely time for them.

Some of you may have seen the book. 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse,' By Charlie Mackesy. It's one of my favourites. The following is one of his picture messages which can be an inspiration when it all feels relentless:



MICROSOFT TEAMS -CLASS 2 AND 3

Our IT technician has now created email addresses and passwords for children in class 2 and 3 so we can get them signed up for TEAMS. I have attached the instructions for signing in to TEAMS and getting set up. A separate email will be sent with your child's email address and password.

We are currently using a mixture of resources for teaching, such as White Rose Maths teaching videos and Oak National Academy. My initial thought was to trial some live lesson starters, but having spoken to heads of other schools who have trialled this, it has had a mixed response. I can see it working successfully in large schools where one teacher is doing live lessons and one teaches the critical worker children in school, however I have all staff in school teaching children in school who would then have to link with remote learners. Another disadvantage is that children must log in at that specific time for the lesson and I am aware that for some of our families this is not possible with families sharing devices and parents working from home. Good quality pre-recorded lessons enable families to access at a time convenient to them. We have found a new resource where staff can record the teaching input which we are going to use for some literacy lessons and put the link in the weekly lesson overview.

I would however like to begin by having some occasions when children can be at home and have contact with the rest of the class and class teacher using TEAMS. This may be at the start of the day to help motivate children to get up and start their day or a Friday afternoon where they can link in with their friends. Please do bear in mind, it is different though, since children can't all speak at once and need to be muted when others are speaking, so not completely ideal. This is why I again encourage you to get your children speaking with friends on the phone/facetime/messenger with parent supervision, since they can't meet as it helps them stay connected.

DALES ACADEMIES TRUST SUMDOG COMPETITION - CLASS 2 AND 3

Next Friday, 5th February, there is a sumdog competition especially for schools in the Dales Academies Trust. All class 2 and 3 are signed up for this. Get logged on and play some games and let's see if we can beat some of the other schools in the trust - not that I'm competitive at all!

REMOTE LEARNERS

REMINDER: Please can all work returned, be named and dated, whether it is sent as an email or returned as a hard copy to ensure we know who work belongs to. Staff are dealing with lots of paper from both in school learners and remote learners so this would help immensely.

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

PRESCHOOL PARENTS

A reminder that as per the DfE guidance, Early Years Settings are open to all children. Please remember that preschool arrival time is between 8.45 and 8.55am.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESCHOOL STAFF

Hi Everyone,

For those of you who are not in at the moment it was lovely to speak to you and some of the children on the phone on Monday.

In Preschool this week the children have been very creative. We started on Monday with Thunder clouds and lightning bolts, painting the paper dark grey. When it was dry we added a bolt of lightning and some big rain drops.

We picked a couple of Snowdrops from the garden then the children looked closely at them and smelt them since they have a lovely smell. They then painted some lovely pictures of them which have gone on the wall.

The children really enjoy the Sticky Kids music session which gets the children to move rhythmically and have good listening skills.

It has been Aspect 4 Rhythm and Rhyme this week. You could play I Spy with your children and choose 2 things that Rhyme.

Here are a few websites that you can try at home <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/> This features tips and practical activities that you can do at home to support your child's learning.

The <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people> and the <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/> we hope these are useful to you.

Please can we ask that you let us know who will be picking your child up. This week we have had a few issues with different people coming for children, staff were not told and with face masks and woolly hats it is difficult to see who they are. If you get held up for some reason, please ring the school office and they will let us know. If you require childcare until a later time then you can always book your child in to Kids Club up to 5:30pm.

We hope you all have a good 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.

Accessing your TEAM's meeting - electronic

Yours sincerely



Mrs F. Sharp
Headteacher

