

This Week's Key Information:

- Blended Learning - the next step in our lockdown learning offer.
- Weekly Assembly: Mon - Ms Rennie Weds/Fri Mr Barret
- Miss Poole to take online PE Lessons - Tuesday/Thursday



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Blend it Like Waller...

The school is abuzz with the sound of teachers suffering technological breakdowns! Normally this would be cause for concern, but we are celebrating this... The reason? We are trialling how our approach to remote learning is going to change over the next few weeks and we are getting very excited about it - whilst making quite a few mistakes on the way!

We have been really pleased with the overwhelmingly positive feedback that we have had about our current remote learning offer. Parents and pupils alike are engaging with the learning - across the school, we had over 90% attendance in last weeks Zooms and this week looks even stronger. Thank you for your support with this. Currently, we are offering a **remote learning** offer that consists of **Tapestry** for our youngest learners, daily **Loom** (see **glossary** below) videos from class teachers, daily year group **Zoom** meetings. But, the times they are a-changin'...

Next week, you will receive a login for your child/children's own **Microsoft Teams** account. Within Teams, there will be a welcome message from the class teacher. From the week beginning **25th January**, we will begin daily live teaching for all the children who are not currently in school. The exact details of when and how this will happen are currently being worked out and we will communicate these details with you as soon as we have them. The exciting news is that all children will be receiving a daily live lesson from one of the year group teachers. Initially, this will be one lesson a day, plus the Loom recordings and PowerPoints, which will continue to be updated daily. This approach is known as **blended learning**.

There are numerous advantages in using Teams, the main ones being:

- Teams provides a safer learning environment as only those with logins can join in.
- It will allow teachers to model and demonstrate new content and concepts, live.
- We will be able to set work relating to the lesson.
- In time, teachers will be able to provide feedback on the work submitted.

We are looking at increasing the quantity of live teaching as we progress but we are all very much learning together and want to get things right before we move on. We appreciate that there will be hiccups along the way from both sides, but we will do everything we can to ensure that the process is as smooth as possible.

Keep your eyes peeled for the email with the Teams login and instructions as to what to do with them!

Ms. Green teaching Y4 from her home!



Glossary

Remote Learning: The learning posted online for all children to access while not at school. Interaction is not possible.

Blended Learning: A combination of the remote learning and live teaching of new content. This allows for interaction between teacher and child

Tapestry: An app, used by Nursery & Reception, to share learning and photos between home and school and vice versa.

Microsoft Teams: Microsoft Teams can be described as an all-in-one Swiss-Army-Knife online digital tool - with facility for classroom conversations, shared space for collaborative Word documents, PowerPoint presentations. It is designed for easily setting tasks for individuals, groups or the whole class (and providing feedback). Only those with login IDs can join these sessions.

Zoom: A cloud-based video conferencing service you can use to virtually meet with others. We currently use this for year group meetings. Anyone with the link can attempt to join.

Loom: A video messaging tool that creates instantly shareable videos. With Loom, you can record your camera, microphone, and desktop simultaneously. We use this to record the teacher videos posted on the website.

Whilst it is not a substitute for actually being together, we have really enjoyed seeing so many of you in our weekly assemblies. There is a whole school assembly on Mondays, Singing Assemblies on Wednesday (KS1) and Friday (KS2). We really would like to see as many of you as possible. All our assemblies start at 9:30 and you can use the link mailed out at the beginning of this term to join each one. See you there.

Move Over Wicksy!

Yes, that's right, say goodbye to Joe Wicks and hello to Miss Poole!

Our fantastic PE specialist will be running two PE sessions a week for you to join during Lockdown. There is a Key Stage 1 session @9:30am every Tuesday and a Key Stage 2 session @9:30am each Thursday. Details of how to join the sessions have been emailed out to all parents. Please get in touch if you are unsure about how to participate.

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RECEPTION

YEAR ONE

YEAR TWO

YEAR THREE

YEAR FOUR

YEAR FIVE

YEAR SIX

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