

A Message from Mrs Waters

What a quiet week we've had in school! We welcomed Year 2 back following their isolation period today and look forward to welcoming Year 1 back on Monday. Sadly, with the number of cases still rising across the city, we know it won't be the last time bubbles will have to be closed in a bid to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Having more children at home has led to even more amazing Dojo learning. There are a few examples of your fantastic achievements are on this newsletter – THANK YOU!

We recognise that you all need a break from screen-time and so we are excited to tell you that from next week we are introducing **WELLBEING WEDNESDAY**. Every Wednesday afternoon each year group will upload the Wellbeing Wednesday menu for your child to choose an activity from. All activities will be 'screen free' and will include things such as art, baking, den building and much more. Children in school will also participate in wellbeing activities.

**We know this is tough and, for many, it is harder than the lockdown last March.
Let's all work together to do the very best we can!
Please take care and keep yourselves safe 😊.**



Dojo Reminders!

Please remember that if your child is attending school every day, they do NOT need to do remote learning (unless there is bubble closure, then they do!). We would love you to read using Oxford Owls and Bug Club, but we respectfully ask that your child does not complete the other activities.

Also, please do not upload blank worksheets. If you have responded to the activity with a photo and video staff do not need to view the associated worksheet.



Summary of 'I'm a Parent' session (19/1/21)

On Tuesday we held a Zoom session for parents to attend for a chat, ask questions etc. We were delighted to meet with 7 parents. The main topic of the discussion was home learning. Here are the key points:

- **Is there a way of sharing ideas between parents?** Mrs Marks suggested setting up a 'message thread' on 'Class Story' at the end of every week for parents to post helpful hints and tips to share with other parents.
- **How can we ensure the lesson films are as engaging as possible?** We explored the length of the film and how crucial this is – too long and the children will 'switch off'. We also discussed that using resources to support teaching (e.g. puppets/props) holds the children's attention more. These key points will be shared within year group teams.
- **Worksheets?** Some parents shared that they sometimes like to print the worksheet so their child can complete it and upload a photo of the work. We confirmed we would only upload black and white sheets to save on printer ink at home.

Thank you for your contributions and positive feedback about our remote learning offer. You have given us things to think about and start to plan for 😊.

Food Vouchers

Please be advised that only children in receipt of Pupil Premium (a grant based on income) are entitled to Government food vouchers.

All children at our school are entitled to UNIVERSAL INFANT FREE SCHOOL MEALS but not all children are eligible for the other funding.

We appreciate your circumstances may change during the pandemic meaning you become entitled to Universal Credit. Please give us a call if your situation changes and you feel you may be able to access the food vouchers.