

Newsletter January 2021



Helping Lights Shine For All

A note from Mrs Danylyk ...

I wanted to begin this newsletter with a massive thank you. It has been the most difficult journey for many. In March, our school community had to adapt to the biggest situation in a generation. Again we face more challenge, but we will adapt and continue to do the very best that we can for all of our community. We haven't stopped; school has stayed open to support critical workers, vulnerable children and those learning from home. I am hugely grateful to all our staff that haven't stopped during this pandemic and continue to be consummate professionals and at the forefront of this community.

Star awards.

We recognise that our children working from home are producing some fantastic work. Therefore, from today, we invite parents and carers to nominate children for Headteacher Star awards. The nominations may be for following our 5 Be's of great learning, or maybe they have been extra kind this week. The teachers will use the nominations, sent and what they have seen on children's portfolios to select one child to receive the award each week. Our school star awards will continue in the usual way from Friday of this week.

I will surprise the children, who are home learning, by delivering their certificate to your home. We hope that this will enthuse children, and show them how valued their home learning contributions are.



CLUBS

I would like to remind you that during lockdown, extra curricular clubs will not be running. We will recommence these as soon as we are able to do so, which we anticipate to be after half term. I will write to you with further information closer to this time.

Keeping in touch with school

School are operating with full staffing during this period and we are endeavouring to ensure that we are there for you when you need us. Either Mrs. Elkin, Mr Mason, myself or all of us will be in school every day and will make ourselves available.

Likewise, the school office will be open every day between the hours of 8:30am – 4pm. Please ensure that you wear a mask if you need to come into the office. We will all still be answering emails, voicemails, messages etc. as soon as we can.

Likewise, you can still keep in touch with your class teacher via the class Dojo system. As a reminder, the teaching staff are only expected to be available between their set working hours 8-5.) so please do not expect a response outside of these hours, even though you may get one.

Work completed at home and photographs can be added to your child's portfolio on Class Dojo.

FAST CLUB FAST CLUB is still running for the children of Critical worker parents. We have made some alterations to the way in which we run provision, which will mean that children will be kept in their year group bubbles as far as possible. However, if two children are on their own we will put them together, and notify you of this upon collection. We will only make the decision as a last resort, and assure you that this is in line with DFE guidelines. We of course have rigorous systems in place for track and trace purposes. If you are not happy for this, please advise the school office.

A Child's Prayer of Thanks

Dear God,
I'm thankful
For all You give:
For food,
For love,
A place to live.
I thank you
for my family too
And I want you to know
that I love you.
Amen.

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