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Whole School Update

Dear Parents,

Last week we saw another fantastic week of learning at Nightingale, both on site and at home. Teachers have been sharing lots of amazing learning sent in, thank you! The learning we are receiving is showing us the impact that the teachers' hard work is having; children are making progress; parents are feeling supported and families are enjoying time spent together. We are so proud of all our children, and community, who are doing so well in their own ways and trying their absolute best.

Engagement

To minimise the impact of your child/children not being at school, it is vital that they engage with our remote education package to avoid time lost in the classroom. Engagement in our remote education is increasing and we are noticing the improved efficacy and independence that the children working at home are showing. The children are feeling part of the school community and we are so proud that they are taking responsibility for their learning. All the positivity and gratitude from you has been gratefully received by our teachers and learning support assistants.

We have developed a good working system of checking daily whether children are engaging with their learning so we can work with families to rapidly identify effective solutions where engagement is a concern. As mentioned in my previous update, in the first instance, teachers and learning support assistants are taking registers for each of their online lessons and closely monitoring the work they receive via ClassDojo. If engagement becomes a concern and teachers and learning support assistants feel that children are not engaging, this will be passed onto a senior leader who will contact the family directly.

We are pleased that behaviour expectations during our live lessons has improved and we thank you for your support in this. It is so important that children are in the right environment to learn, so simple things like minimising distractions in the household, ensuring your children are seated, facing the screen, and making sure they are dressed are all obvious and important factors.

Printed work packs are available every Monday from 1.15pm. These can be collected from outside the office from this time onwards.

Laptops

We have issued many laptops to families who need them and amazingly, despite what you may hear on the news, we have more available to loan to you. So if you feel that this would further support your child(ren) to engage with their remote education please do email our admin office to make your request.

Feedback of work uploaded to your teacher

We have, where capacity and staffing has allowed, been able to increase significantly the amount of time spent on feedback, contacting individuals and preparing and providing additional resources to those who would benefit from them. As a result, we have been delighted to see how feedback on individual and whole class learning, in live lessons, plus the additional support of online break out rooms, has enabled children to access their learning at their own individual level, address misconceptions and make progress. Teachers however, have had their workload increased significantly with the amount of feedback that they are providing via ClassDojo.

In order to manage this and reach a healthy balance with their planning, teaching time and assessments, we have decided to limit the amount of feedback given to three pieces of work per child, per week. All uploaded work, however, will be acknowledged by a teacher or learning support assistant by the means of a 'well done', thumbs up or Dojo Point. **More details of this will follow in a separate email where we have published information for pupils, parents and carers about our bespoke remote education provision on our website.**

Curriculum Newsletter

To view your child's Spring Term Curriculum Newsletter, please follow this [link](#) to our website and select your child's year group.

Staff Testing

Last week we received testing kits for our staff to begin rapid testing using Lateral Flow Devices. Testing of our staff will support us in being open for as many children as safely possible. We begin testing this week for all our staff who wish to participate. This programme of testing aims to identify people with coronavirus (COVID-19) before they develop symptoms, or if they are asymptomatic. Please note that there are no government plans to test primary aged children in school and the results of staff tests will remain confidential at all times.

Staying safe online and Digital Parenting

Vodafone have released the 9th edition of their FREE Digital Parenting Magazine, which provides some helpful and easy to understand guidance about how to lead a happy and safe family digital life:

<https://www.flipsnack.com/FA7569CC5A8/digital-parenting-by-vodafone-2021-edition/full-view.html>

Safer Internet Day 2021, which for Nightingale, is on Tuesday 9th February this year. The theme:

An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is holding virtual events to celebrate this and is welcoming children to access these events from either their home or school learning environment.

There will be four different events held for primary school aged children that will be delivered as a live online escape room, where students will be tasked with unlocking codes to fight against fake news.

The dates/times for the events are as follows:

Tuesday 9th February: 10:15am-11:30am

Tuesday 9th February: 12:45pm-2:00pm

Wednesday 10th February: 10:15am-11:30am

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You can sign your child up for one of these events via this [form](#) or email the cyber ambassador scheme for more information:

OPCC.CyberAmbassadorScheme@hampshire.pnn.police.uk

Our teachers will give more information nearer the time via ClassDojo for those children who are working remotely.

Yours sincerely and with best wishes,



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