



WHEELER

PRIMARY SCHOOL

BEING BRILL AT WHEELER - TEACHING
CHILDREN TO BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESILIENT IN LIFE AND LEARNING

Newsletter – Friday 15th Jan 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope you are all keeping safe and well and that for those of you working remotely from home you feel supported by us as a school. We are just at the end of a phone to help and support and can help in the following ways:

- 1) Support with your child's learning
- 2) Access to devices, internet and resources (including paper copies of work and stationary if required)
- 3) Emotional well-being support through Mrs Wardell and Mrs Gray
- 4) Access to weekly food parcels

Our current attendance is over 32% of pupils are in school, which is well above that of the national and local figure (22%). We have tried so hard to accommodate the children of Critical Workers and provide places for those deemed as most vulnerable. We understand how hard it is for those of you who are faced with having to keep your children at home, but we are doing the very best we can given the resources we have available. I could not be prouder of the staff for their level of commitment and resilience and seeing the children's work and positivity makes it so worthwhile. As a parent myself, my message for those of you with children at home is to just do what you can, encourage your children to try their best and know we are here on this journey with you- 1 day at a time.

Free School Meals Vouchers to replace Packed Lunch Boxes

From next week children who are working remotely (not those in school) in receipt of Free School Meals will be entitled to a **£15** shopping voucher. Mrs Garraway will be emailing them out to those eligible families next week. If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive a voucher, please contact us at school. We also have a number of food parcels available each week if you need a food box with essential key items.

Face Masks/ Coverings

Please remember you **MUST** wear a face mask or covering when entering the site. We have had several parents who have come on site without one this week and this compromises everyone's safety. **Please help us to keep the school operational and safe for all.**

Reading Books and Class Texts for Children at Home

We have invested in buying a copy of the class text for every child in Yr 2 to Yr 6 who are working remotely. Please come and collect your child's copy on the days outlined below. This is to support with their learning and provide a quality book for them to read. The books will be available from the main office on the day identified. Reading Books can also be changed according to the timetable below. Please do not come into school on a different day and ring us if you are unsure so we can advise.

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Class/Year Group	When	What I am collecting		
Green and Blue Base	Friday AM Only Fortnightly	Library Book	Home Reading Book	Phonics Book
Year 1	Monday AM Fortnightly	Library Book	Home Reading Book	Phonics Book
Year 2	Tuesday AM Fortnightly for home reader and phonics book.	Georges Marvellous Medicine	Home Reading Book	Phonics Book
Year 3	Wednesday	The Iron Man	Home Reading Book	Phonics Book (Selected Children)
Year 4	Thursday AM	Harry Potter	Home Reading Book	
Year 5	Monday PM	Beowulf	Home Reading Book	
Year 6	Thursday PM	The Explorer	Home Reading Book	

We politely ask that all books belonging to school are cared for and returned in the same condition as when they were taken. During the first lockdown the school suffered a loss of at least 50% of our overall stock of school text. Not only are the financial implications of this devastating, it can also be detrimental for your child's ability to move on quicker with their reading if texts are unavailable.

Kindness Shout Outs

We would like to thank the following this week for a special kindness 'shout out' :

- Michael in Yr 4 for asking the staff how they are and being polite and kind
- Ready Steady Read and Sewell Group for their kind and generous book donations for our Reading competition.
- Mr Butters for helping so many parents and staff with remote learning.
- Rev Jonathon for providing superb food parcels this week for our families.
- Mrs Todd for gritting the playground when it was freezing and icy in the dark!
- Mrs Pinder for stepping 'in' when needed in Breakfast Club
- Mr Armstrong for being so cheerful on the playground.

Covid update

If you need to contact the school during weekends or evenings about any COVID related issues, please contact us by email on:

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Have a lovely weekend, best wishes