



WHEELER PRIMARY SCHOOL

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CHILDREN TO BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE
AND RESILIENT IN LIFE AND LEARNING

Newsletter – Friday 22nd Jan 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Remote Learning Update

A massive well done to everyone at home for the huge efforts you are making with Remote Learning- week 3 done!! Mr Marks (HCAAT's School Improvement Lead and Ofsted Inspector) reviewed our provision this week and said that what both the children, staff and parents are doing is **'Fantastic'** and some of the best he has seen. He praised the bespoke way in which teachers are creating daily resources (videos and guidance) and the way in which the team are giving feedback to children on how well they are doing with the work set. This week we have made available reading books for **all** children at home so please come and collect your child's if you have not been to collect yet.

We understand what a massive effort this is taking for you at home and please be kind to yourselves and do what you can when you can. As the weeks go on, we are seeing the engagement levels rise (now into the high 80's) as children become more confident with the technology and expectations. **We are here to help and support at any time BUT the message remains that the safest place for children is to stay at home if there is an adult who can stay with them.** We do not yet know when schools will re-open and I will probably find out at the same time as you via the Governments announcements. We remain hopeful that schools will open after half term and will let you know of our plans as soon as we know ourselves. We have some additional devices if you have more than 1 child in the school and you would benefit from a second device. Please call us if you would like one.

Red Base New Starters

Well done to our new starters in Red Base who have joined us this week. Mrs Moate and the ladies in Red Base are really proud of them and they have been really brave – well done and welcome to the Wheeler Family!

Live Check Out

Year 5 and 6 trialled a 'live check out' this week which allowed the children both in and out of school to see each other using a virtual platform. It was so well received that we are hoping to roll this out to other classes in the coming weeks. More news to come!

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.**

IEP's

If your child has an **Individual Education Plan (IEP)** you will receive it in the post this coming week. The plan has been reviewed with new targets and support identified. If you would like to discuss it the class teacher and Mrs Burrows (SENCO) will be available – contact the school on 353125 to request a phone discussion.



Kindness Shout Outs

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

- The staff and community at Iceland (Anlaby Road) for collecting food for our Food Parcels
- Sewell's Construction for bringing their big yellow digger to school for the children in Red Base to see
- Arthur K in Yr 6 – amazing artwork that brought a smile to his teachers faces
- Henry R – his fantastic video of 'Twinkle Twinkle Chocolate bar – Mrs Wellington Loved it !
- Odin And Rory B – Their live TV Science Show – truly inspiring .
- Toby A's Mum- Yr 1 – for her fabulous feedback about the learning in taking place in her home
- The catering team in The Galley – thanks for feeding the staff a lovely toastie as an extra treat this Friday!
- Mr Marks from HCAT for sending the team a well done letter and giving us all a boost.

Covid update

Public Health have reported this week that numbers are declining, however the rate of hospital admissions remains very high and thus we are still in a critical phase of lockdown. Next week we will begin testing our staff to give us further reassurance that we are doing all we can to pick up any asymptomatic staff who do not know they are carrying the virus. Data depicts that 1 in 3 people do not present with any symptom and can therefore spread the virus unwillingly.

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

Claire Mudd and The Wheeler Team