



Friday 22nd January

Dear All,

I hope that everyone is keeping well and safe. It seems that we are beginning to settle into this new routine of remote learning and I have been massively impressed with the engagement we have had from all families in school and at home. Thank you for the time and effort you are investing in your children's learning. We hope that the Zoom sessions and White Rose Maths videos are helping the learning to feel more purposeful, they certainly mean that we can continue to cover the topics which we would normally be learning about in class. Next week we are offering quick catch-ups with teachers if you would like to talk about the pace or level of the learning, more details below.

This week the government have said that we will receive two weeks' notice of schools returning to 'normal'. As you know I have never heard about any school closures in advance of government press conferences so this much notice would be much appreciated. I will keep you up to date with any developments as soon as I hear of them. But, in the meantime, we will continue to do our best to support children's learning wherever it may be taking place!

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs Watts

Devices

We have received two new Chromebooks at each school from the government to support children in their home learning. We have also had some devices very kindly donated by members of the local community. In addition, we have some SIM cards which should provide free data for downloading documents and accessing Zooms etc. We don't want anyone to feel like they are struggling with technology at home. All of these devices are available to lend to any of our families during this time. If you are having to share devices with other family members or are currently accessing learning on a phone, please do let us know and we will do our best to help. Having a device which can access these sessions easily will relieve a lot of the pressures around learning at home. Email head@bsf.norfolk.sch.uk if you would like more information.

Photos

We would love to add some photos to this newsletter as we did during the last lockdown. If you have any fabulous photos of your activities at home, please email them to myself or the office and we will include some in each issue.

Check-ins

When we surveyed parents after the last lockdown, one of the issues raised was that parents felt the work provided wasn't quite right for their child. Next week we are offering catch-ups by telephone for any parents who would like to discuss the level or pace of their child's work. Or, if you are having trouble accessing any of the resources or would like ideas as to where to look for more activities. These are not parents' evenings but should focus on the technicalities of learning at home. If you would like a short telephone call then please contact the office or your child's class teacher to arrange a suitable time.