



## **Oxhey Wood Weekly Newsletter**

### **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

**Happy New Year! I hope you and your families are safe and well.**

Although not all children are in school it has been amazing to see the learning that has been taking place at home and at school.

As you will be aware schools are only open for keyworkers and vulnerable children until half term. The children in school and at home are following the same timetable. All work is set on Google classrooms with some recorded and some live lessons. Teachers always have Google meets with children twice a day where children can see each other and the teacher; this is important for your child's emotional well-being. Mrs Caplan even led a virtual achievement assembly this afternoon.

There have been some teething problems with Google classrooms for some children but as soon as you make us aware, we will help you with this. It would be great if as many children as possible can learn using this as although the paper learning is the same your child will miss out on some direct or recorded teacher to help them understand the activity better. Teachers are able to see the work completed on Google classroom and give feedback. Some parents have emailed photos in of work and this is great too.

If your child cannot access Google Classroom, we will organise paper learning for them and deliver this every Monday when we will collect the work they have completed the previous week.

If your child is using Google classrooms, they may still need a book to write in, pen, pencil- we will have books available to collect from under the canopy at the main entrance on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday next week between 10am and 2pm for you to come and collect some if you need this. If your child is having lunches delivered, we will deliver some with their lunches.

If you are shielding or self-isolating and need a book please let your child's teacher know and we will deliver one to you.

Celebrating learning

Every week we will be sharing examples of work on the class pages of the website to show the children how proud we are of them.

#### **If your child is coming to school**

Please remember if anyone in your house has a symptom you must book a test and your child cannot come to school until you have the result; if it is negative they can come back, if positive they need to self-isolate for 10 days.

We are continuing to stagger the times for dropping children off and picking them up.

Please remember to wear a facemask on the school site.

Children wear school uniform Monday-Thursday and on a Friday can wear their own clothes.

Staff, parents and young people can contact the helpline as follows:

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday)

### **Safeguarding and Health and Safety**

Please remember to follow the arrows for entering and leaving school by the main gate. If you have young children please keep them with you, as Gosforth Lane can be very busy.

If you are concerned about the safety of any children, we have three designated safeguarding leads in school: Mrs Morley, Mrs Barton and Mrs Boyle - please share any concerns with them or please ring 0300 123 4043.

### **Reception applications**

If your child is in Nursery, please remember to apply for your child's Reception school place by 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021. If you need any help with this, please ask at the office.

[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/admissions)

### **Lunches**

Next week is week 2. School lunches are £2.40 a day. If you are having lunches delivered there will be new 'hamper' type lunches delivered every Monday to you.

### **Contact over the weekend**

**We know how high the infection rates are nationally and in the local area. It is vital that I can act as quickly as possible if there**

If your child or a member of your household tests positive for Coronavirus over the weekend please either email me: [-head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:-head@oxheywood.herts.sch.uk) or ring or text me on 07922422462.

If you need any support with anything else, please contact me at school or on my email address.

### **Thank you**

Finally, I want to say thank you to a great staff team-all staff are in school to ensure we can keep our class 'bubbles' as small as possible. They are also getting used to a different way of working and are working so hard.

I am also grateful for parents support and understanding which has been brilliant- we really are a great Oxhey Wood Family.

Have a safe and enjoyable weekend with your family.

Take Care

Mrs Morley