



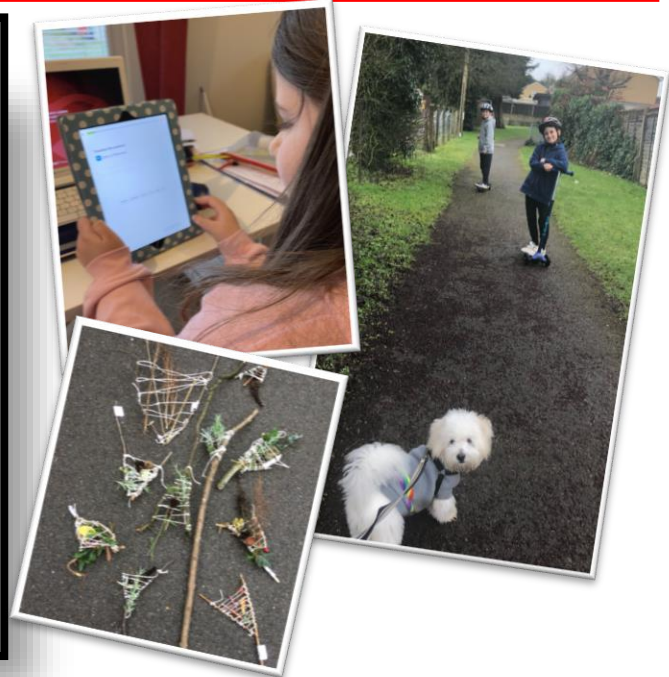
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Primary and Pre-school



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Ups and downs

We have spoken to many parents and families this week who have all unanimously reported a week of ups and downs, whether at school or at home. I think the news mid-week from Government about the delay to the start of schools might have been the straw that broke the camels back for many, including us! We desperately miss all of those learning from home and I know they're missing the routine and school too.

Those in school are equally missing friends and the general hubbub that comes with a full class of children – others to bounce ideas off, friends to play with for a change.

It's easy in times like this to feel estranged and envious of each other's situations but in my role, I'm lucky to get the perspective from both sides and I want to reassure you, there's no good side of the fence at the moment.

We are all in it together and if school is what binds us together in some unity whilst we are missing the support and hugs of loved ones, I extend a virtual hug to you all. Parents, you are doing an amazingly whatever your circumstance. Thank you.

Emma Jefferies
Headteacher

ALL PARENTS CAN ALSO BOOK PARENT'S EVENING SLOTS RIGHT NOW FOR 9TH & 10TH FEB

HOME LEARNERS, book your interactive reading session ready for next week at:

<https://stockbridge.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Coming Up!

Book swap and resource pick up is **in the afternoons** next week so that we avoid the live lesson times as we know it means all hands on deck for those of you at home!

	Tuesday 2 nd	Wednesday 3 rd
Surnames A – G	12.30pm – 1.15pm	2.30pm – 3.15pm
Surnames H – O	1.15pm – 2.30pm	12.30pm – 1.15pm
Surnames P – Z	2.30pm – 3.15pm	1.15pm – 2.30pm

Mondays are predominantly interactive reading days for those at home as well as a couple of other 'mop up' sessions in the week as numbers at home are greater than in school.

Other dates in the wider term:

Tues 9 th Feb	16:00	Parent's evening – remotely again
Wed 10 th Feb	16:00	Parent's evening – remotely again
Fri 12 th Feb	15:30	End of Spring term 1
FEBRUARY HALF TERM 13 th – 21 st Feb		
Mon 22 nd Feb	All day	INSET – no children in school & no online provision or live lessons

Talent Show

It's almost February so it must be talent show time!

Miss Tregunna announced the talent show in her 'daily pause' on Thursday. As last year, this is not a talent show that is 'judged' but an opportunity for children to share things with their friends that they are proud of.

Of course, this year as with everything else, we've gone virtual. All entries will need to be submitted virtually into a new, special classroom that will appear on your child's google classroom page. This is the only way we will be able to accept entries this year.

We are asking children to spend the next 3 and a half weeks to practice, develop and perfect their entry. Entries should be no longer than 2 minutes long.

The 'classroom' to upload entries will appear on Monday 22nd February and will close on Thursday 25th February and we'd love to see a range of talents; art, sport, music, dance, baking etc etc.

Seeing friends

I love it when you put something in the children's court and they come up with some answers! Thank you also to those of you who emailed me with ideas you think would be suitable for getting children together with their friends for a chat.

We have a few things up our sleeve as a result and will be rolling them out across the classes in the next week. Watch out in GC for updates.

I don't think we can avoid extra screen time if they want to see and chat with their friends so we'll be trialling:

- Live lunchtimes where children can dial in to have lunch with their classmates both in and out of school
- 'Game' meets to play a game with a teacher facilitating but not focused on learning
- Beatboxing sessions – we have been in touch with a proper beatboxer to facilitate these so are waiting to hear back to confirm
- Google Meets for informal chats
- Logging onto a Google meet to have assistance with learning without it being a live lesson.

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Parent's evenings

We will be using the same SchoolCloud software for our parent's evenings again and the link to book a slot is on the front of this newsletter.

Now that we've all experienced it at least once, please bear in mind the following:

- We have allocated 10mins per child for you to talk with your child's class teacher
- The time counts down and cuts us off at 10mins – this can feel rather abrupt!
- Please use Dojo to message your child's teacher before the appointment if there is something specific you'd like to discuss/know about
- Log onto SchoolCloud 5-10mins before the appointment as it automatically 'picks you up' and connects us so we all need to be ready to go!

Staff COVID tests

This week we began lateral flow testing. All staff have chosen to take part so that we can protect each other as much as possible.

We will be taking tests on Monday and Thursday mornings and staff will text me before 7.30am to notify me if they have a positive result.

If we have to close a class because of a positive test, we will notify you as soon as is humanly possible but it's likely to feel quite last minute. We are taking tests on the morning as this is recommended as the safest and most reliable time to take them and we want as up to the minute results as possible.

I have attended several meetings with other headteachers this week and we are all following the same guidance.