

EGGINTON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Headteacher:

Mr Richard Kitching

January 2021



This newsletter is in place of the lockdown weekly update letter I have been sending out recently. I hope you and your families are all keeping well and I hope you managed to make the most of the snow that fell last Sunday. The wide array of wonderful snow photos that have been posted on Class Dojo suggested many people did! Thank you for your continued support and efforts with Remote Learning. As always, if you have any requests, queries or comments please do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher so we can work with you to help your child or children as best we can. The following items provide a brief update on where we are at the present time.

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School Wider Opening Update

On Wednesday 27th January the Prime Minister announced that schools would not be opening to further pupils immediately after the February Half term break. Instead, 8th March has been presented as the earliest possible opening date for more pupils. We anticipate receiving more information about this from the Department for Education in the week beginning 22nd February and you will be updated accordingly when we know more.

Class Dojo

Thank you to all of parents and carers that continue to upload their child's remote learning work regularly to Class Dojo. We appreciate that Parents and Carers have very busy schedules and additional pressures at the moment. However, ideally staff would like to see the written work and photos of practical tasks that are completed by their child uploaded to Class Dojo on a daily basis rather than in bulk at the end of the week. This gives the opportunity for staff to view the completed tasks and offer feedback where appropriate whilst the completed work is still relatively fresh in the pupil's memory. With regards to the Oak Academy online lessons, please photograph and upload the written outcomes that your child completes from the lessons.

Not all pieces of work or photos uploaded to Class Dojo will receive a written comment from a member of staff. Nevertheless, they will all be viewed and will enable us to gain an insight into how the pupil is progressing during this period and help staff to assess and plan for next steps in learning.

Microsoft Teams

Both staff and pupils have really gained in confidence at using this platform over the last few weeks and it is proving to be a successful way of maintaining the classroom and school community as well as supporting learning. The staff are now timetabling a wide range of Teams sessions throughout the week including whole class lesson inputs, learning discussions and 'catch-ups', as well as small group and individual supported sessions. Wherever possible, please ensure your child attends any Teams meeting they are invited to in order to maximise their learning opportunities.

Children's Mental Health Week - 1st February to 7th February

Next week is Children's Mental Health week and we wanted to highlight the importance of this area, particularly during the current lockdown.

The theme for this year's mental health week is 'Express Yourself'. The initiative is led by the charity 'Place 2 Be' and their website contains many useful ideas and materials that can be used at home and in school. There will be a free virtual assembly online at 9am on Monday 1st February for pupils and parents to view if they wish.

The following is a link to the Parents and Carers section of the website. We hope you find some of the ideas and resources useful to support your child and/or children.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

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Date	Event
1 st February to 7 th February	Children's Mental Health Week
9 th February	National Safer Internet Day
11 th February	Celebration Assembly (online)
12 th February	INSET Day – School closed to all pupils
15 th to 19 th February	School closed for half term break to all pupils
22 nd February	School Open to staff and pupils with critical worker parents
4 th March	World Book Day
8th March	Earliest possible date for a wider opening of school to pupils
Week beginning 22 nd March	Parent and Carer consultation meetings this week
1 st April	Celebration Assembly (Online)
2 nd April to 16 th April	School closed to all pupils for Easter break
3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School closed
31 st May to 4 th June	School closed for half term break
7 th June and 8 th June	INSET Days – School closed to all pupils
22 nd July	Last day of the school academic year