



Mr. Yandell's News

Homework and Home Learning



Yesterday, you should have received details about the new Seesaw APP that we are going to use in school to assist in delivering homework in a safe way. Teachers will be using this for the first time next Friday to send out homework and the completed homework can also be handed in via the APP. In your pack there should have been an explanation of how to access the APP and log in for the first time. I recommend getting familiar with the APP and how it works before next Friday so you are ready to receive the homework. Before the lockdown period last year, we had nearly all children completing homework each week and I am hoping that will continue this year as it really can contribute to your child's progress.

The Seesaw APP will also be used in the event that a class bubble or the whole school needs to be closed so we really do hope you can spare some time to make sure you know how it works. If you did not receive the details, then please let the office know via phone or email and we will be happy to resend them. **Please note that children in Class Acorn will be given logins later in the year as the Tapestry APP is already running for you.**

COVID 19 Update

Thank you to everyone for sticking so well to the rules and routines we have put in place to keep our school safe. I know that some of the rules have created additional work for parents but, as usual, you have all approached this with positivity and support for the school. All of the staff really appreciate this.

I know also that this week it has been difficult to book tests when children have been kept off school with illness. I would like to emphasise that the main symptoms that would concern us are:

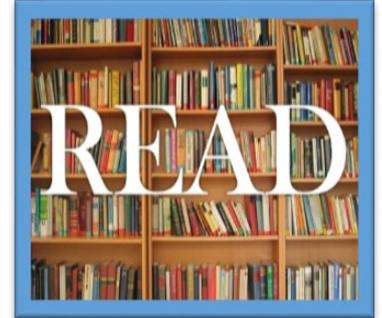
- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your child presents with these symptoms they should not come to school and a test should be booked before they can return. Other symptoms of illness should be treated as normal and your child can be in school when you feel they are well enough to be. Again, thank you for your help in keeping everyone safe at this time.

Reading

As you will already know, the school puts reading at the heart of everything we do and this year we will once again be thinking up new ways to encourage the children to read more regularly for pleasure at home. The school is going to be investing heavily in new books for the library and we are working with the PFA on a book challenge that I will be writing to you about in the near future.

We are also keen to take donations of any books to the school. If you have books that your children have finished with at home and you would like to donate them to the school library, then please do bring them to the gate in the morning where one of the teachers will be happy to receive them. If you know of any other people or businesses that might also like to make a donation of books to the school, then please do put them in touch with us.



Parking

Please can I ask that everyone parks respectfully around the school site when dropping children to school and collecting them at the end of the day. We have had some concerned neighbours contact the school about their driveway being blocked around these times. I do understand that the current roadworks on Main Street are making parking less easy but I would encourage parents to make full use of the car park by the church to ease this pressure.

Please also note that parents should not be using the school staff car park at any time. This is now one of the main exits from school and should be kept clear for pedestrians entering and exiting the grounds. Thank you in advance for respecting this rule.

Matt Yandell