



*Head Teachers Newsletter: 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

*Dear Parents/Carers,*

*I can finally wish you all a very Happy New Year! I hope that you all managed to have some family time over the holidays despite local restrictions. My plans, like many of you I am sure, changed at the very last minute but I managed to spend time with some of my nearest and dearest.*

*I was saddened by the announcement that school must close to the wider school community but understand that with the new strain of the virus that is around and seems to be more easily transmitted we must do all that we can.*

*School is currently therefore only open to Key Worker and Vulnerable children and those with an EHCP. I must reiterate what Boris's directive advises which is to stay home, stay safe and save lives. Thank you for your emails of support and kind words, these have been very much appreciated and have been shared amongst the staff.*

*We have worked hard to ensure that families who are at home continue to be part of the school community.*

- We have continued to ensure that parents have direct contact with the class teachers through their class emails and we hope that you have all enjoyed the phone call also.*
- As stated in my previous letter we are setting up zoom get togethers for the children and hope that you are all sending in your consent forms. Please remember that this must be done by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January in order to set up the meetings for the following week. I know that the teachers are excited to catch up and 'see' the children!*
- Teachers are uploading learning onto Tapestry and after a few teething problems with the platform we have decided to upload this on a Friday evening for the following week. We hope that this helps you all to prepare. I have loved looking at all the learning that has been uploaded. I have listened to Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, heard some singing, saw lots of pirates, and read some amazing Billy Goat Gruff stories and facts about The Great Fire of London! You certainly have all been busy! Please look out for a video from myself to the children sharing a value story- I hope you like it! It was definitely interesting recording it!*
- Please be kind to yourself. The learning set will mirror what is happening in school. However, we appreciate that you are not trained teachers and that children are always different at home! We recommend that you continue to read with the children and choose a few activities throughout the day.*
- For parents of children that are in school, please continue to access your Tapestry accounts and upload home learning that will be set for all pupils.*
- Book swapping: We are continuing to swap books on a Friday and returning new ones to you on a Monday. As per my letter, boxes are by the front gate of the school for home learners and those in school should bring them in with them on a Friday.*

*Take care and look after yourselves and your families.*

*Miss Elliott*

In other news...

We have had a new fence and gates fitted at the front of the school. This has been needed for some time and it looks VERY smart! Here are a few photos...



We have also had the screening attached to the fence between the park and school as well as on the opposite side by the alley way. It certainly is looking smart!



Here are some of Year R's drawings of friends linked to the story I recorded this week. If you haven't listened to it, please take a look on Tapestry- Thank you. For children in school, the story was shared with today. I look forward to seeing lots more!

