



Wistaston Weekly

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"We will challenge, excite and encourage a love of life and learning in every child."

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Happy new year to you all. I hope you managed to enjoy a nice holiday with your family.

I say 'happy new year'; it has probably not been the greatest start to the school year. Days of uncertainty regarding whether schools would reopen after the holidays meant that the start of term was a little anxious. And then after just one day back, schools were closed to most pupils as the country was placed into lockdown restrictions once again.

In his announcement on Monday evening headteachers were told that the lockdown would last until the half-term. This leaves us with at least half a term for school to work very differently and in this newsletter, we will explain some of the things that we will try to do.

Please bear with us: this week has been a mammoth logistical planning process. During the next week we want to put our plans in place and we are bound to get things muddled and some things will not go smoothly. Hopefully by the following week we will have things in more of a routine.

We send love and hope to the children who are not in school at the moment – we miss you terribly. As much as we would love to see you, the safest place for you to be is at home. When things are better across the country, we will be really excited to have our lovely school full once again. I also want to say a huge thank you to our brilliant staff for their incredible hard work this week.

Mr Bancroft

NEW MESSAGES

There is important new information below – please make sure that you read it.

Remote Learning

We have sent some details regarding remote learning in a letter this week. The government has set out expectations for the amount of work schools should set and we are easily meeting the requirements. But once again, this lockdown is about looking after each other, and certainly not about creating stress and worry about not completing all school work that is set. So, we need to be really clear:

- We would love it if all children completed the learning tasks set each day on the school website. But we understand that for some families this may prove a challenge, so please do what is manageable for your family.
- We are offering six live sessions each day (over three days). It would be brilliant if you could prioritise these with the children, but we understand that on some occasions, children will not be able to attend.
- We intend to make sure all work is online the night before and will do our best to make sure this happens.
- Links and the timetable for live sessions are in a separate email and typically we will send these out on a Friday for the following week.
- We have been using Teams this week but plan to use Zoom for live sessions as this is a tool we are more familiar with. You don't need an app to use Zoom and you can access lessons just by clicking on a link that we will send to you as mentioned above. However, Zoom does work better with the app, so we recommend that you use it. Zoom is available on many devices including Xbox, Playstation, smartphone, tablets and laptops.
- The work we set is important for the children's development but please don't panic. We will support the children the best that we can over the coming months.

Safeguarding Rules for Remote Learning

It is important that you agree to some safeguarding procedures:

- The child should participate in the live lesson in a safe, appropriate environment.
- Children should be dressed appropriately (no nightwear or swimwear).
- Children should be able to participate in the lesson independently, but an adult should always be present in the room during the lesson.
- Microphones should be turned off unless the teacher asks you to turn them on.
- We will need to act on any safeguarding concerns identified during the live lesson.
- Should something unexpected occur, the teacher will end the lesson immediately and without warning.
- Children are expected to behave responsibly, and any misbehaviour may need to be managed like it would be during a normal school day.
- Please bear in mind that staff members could be working from home and so internet strength can vary.
- Parents and children must not film or record the live lessons in any way whatsoever.
- The link to the lesson must not be shared with anyone outside of the class – especially on social media. If we find out that a link has been shared publicly the live session will need to be cancelled

Welfare Calls

As we are hoping to see the children regularly in our live sessions, we do not plan to make regular welfare calls to children during this lockdown. However, we will certainly be making regular contact with families if we feel this is necessary.

Safeguarding

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, you can contact school by email on safeguarding@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk. You can also ring Cheshire East's Safeguarding Team on 03001235012 (option 3).

School Office

The School Office will be opening between 8.30am and 12.30pm Monday to Friday. We would prefer that you communicate via email. In an emergency please phone the school. We are short staffed in the office at the moment and ask that you bear this in mind.

Congratulations!

Miss Jones gave birth to baby Milo on December 22nd. Mum and baby are both doing really well, and Milo is just gorgeous!

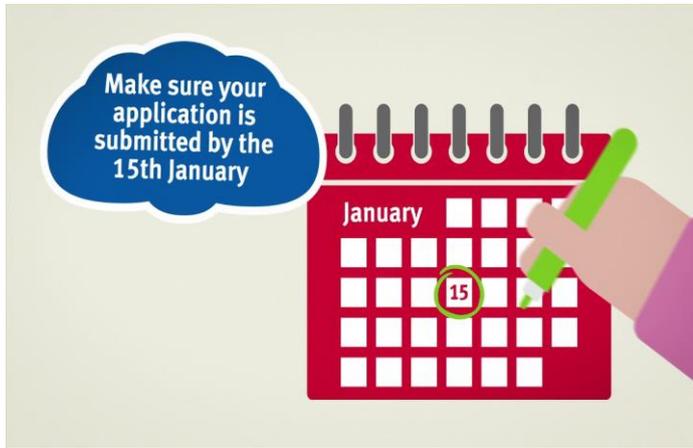
Christmas Videos

It seems that people enjoyed our Christmas videos! Our staff video has been watched almost 2000 times and collectively, our class videos have been watched over 10,300 times! This is just incredible! For now, we suggest you pause watching until next December!

Welcome

Welcome to Mrs Hassall who has started as a lunchtime assistant. Mrs Hassall worked at the school for over 20 years as a cleaner, so she knows the school well!





Applying for School Places for September 2021
Parents and Carers are reminded that the application round for places in Reception 2021 is now open. More details can be found on Cheshire East's website at www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx.

The deadline to apply for a place for Reception 2021 is Friday 15th January 2021.

REPEATED INFORMATION

The information below has been shared before – you may have read it already, but we have kept it here as it is important.

Coronavirus

Your child must not come into school if they have the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change in taste or smell. If your child has these symptoms they should book a test using www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/ or by calling 119.