

5th February 2021

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



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A Note from the Headteacher

Remote Learning

As we approach the end of a half-term of remote learning for many of our families it has become apparent that, while some have found a routine that works for them or are just making the best of an awful situation, many are finding it increasingly difficult to juggle working full-time or caring for younger siblings with supporting their child through online learning and 'independent' work. We want you to know that you are not alone, despite what you might see on Twitter, Facebook or WhatsApp, and many families are starting to feel increasingly stressed. Please be reassured that, through our monitoring of remote learning and catch-up phone calls, we know that you are doing a fantastic job and we thank you for supporting your child in any way you can!

Many parents report that sticking to a routine, allowing time for breaks and including daily exercise and time for independent reading or playing away from a screen really helps to motivate and engage their child and gives some structure to the day. But remember, if a day isn't going well or is a complete disaster, you can just leave it and do something completely different. Just pick it up again the next day. Any tension is only going to be counterproductive for learning. Teachers will understand. Remember that parents aren't – and don't have to be – teachers. They don't have to achieve everything a teacher would. They should do what they can to try to help their child access the learning we have set, but they have to be realistic. Do what works for you and your family. We know from the Autumn term that most children can and will catch up learning that they have missed or 'lost'. This time around, children are accessing so much more at home, so we WILL be able to pick up their learning again when they return. Our priority is that they, and you, are safe, healthy and mentally well. We know that each and every one of you is doing your absolute best.

Please find some links below for anyone who would like more advice on how to support their family's mental wellbeing.

"Let's simply focus on surviving and maybe some days surviving well" <https://giveusashout.org/latest/tips-for-looking-after-your-familys-mental-health-during-lockdown/>

Five ways to manage your wellbeing as a parent during lockdown <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrmhscw>

Parent Survey

Wisborough Green Primary School has been selected to take part in a national survey led by the Education Endowment Fund (EEF), an independent charity established to improve educational attainment and to support teachers and senior leaders by providing evidence-based resources to improve practice and boost learning. The focus of this survey is how children are learning at home and the impact lockdown-learning is having on family life.

If you would like to take part, please click on the link below for details of how to download the app.

<https://parentping.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/02/Big-lockdown-leaflet.pdf>

They will ask you a few questions each day and show you see how other parents are coping in lockdown. In return, you may win a Chromebook in the national weekly draw or a £30 Amazon voucher for the school. If 60 or more parents answer each day, we will be provided with an overview of the total responses. We are really interested to hear your views, so please do take part if you have time. It is completely voluntary, but this is a great time to share your opinions, not just with us but with other parents and with the people who make decisions about education in England.

To help us do this, we would like you to download and use a free survey app called Parent Ping: <https://bit.ly/parentping>. When you first sign in to the app it will ask you the school name **Wisborough Green Primary School** and for the first part of the postcode **RH14 0EE**. Please do this carefully so we can make sure all your answers are included!

If you would like to know more about the project, please see <https://parentping.co.uk/bigsurvey/>

Mental Maths

One way of giving yourself some breathing space each day is to set your child an amount of time on Times Tables Rocks Stars (TTRS) or Numbots. Every child in school can now access TTRS and once again we have risen up the league table so everyone's efforts are certainly paying off. We have moved up from 17th to 14th place this week so well done Wisborough Green!



Congratulations to Year 4! They are our top Maths Doodlers for the third week in a row. Well done!

Masked Reader

We hope that you have enjoyed watching our weekly assemblies over the last few weeks. We are pleased to announce that, from Monday 8th February, these will be replaced by 'The Masked Reader'. This is our version of the Masked Singer, where a member of staff will read part of a story in disguise and will provide three clues to their identity. The name of the staff member will be announced at the start of the following week. We hope that you enjoy the challenge. Good luck!



Please do continue to send in any photos of remote learning or any other home activities. We would love to share these on Twitter [@WisGreenPrimary](https://twitter.com/WisGreenPrimary).

Wellbeing Day

Don't forget that **Thursday 11th February** is our Wellbeing Non-Screen Day. Following a brief introductory video your child will be provided with a range of interesting activities from which to choose their day's activities. Each class will have an opportunity to share these during a timetabled class Google Meet session. Please see your child's class stream on Google Classroom for details next week.

Congratulations

We were thrilled to hear that Mrs Casimiro gave birth last week to a beautiful, healthy baby boy! Baby Cedric and mum are doing well. We can't wait for our first visit but may have to wait a while! Congratulations and best wishes to Mrs Casimiro and her family.

Covid Hotline – If you receive a positive Covid result for your child over the weekend or during the evening, please email covid19@wisboroughgreenschool.org.uk straight away.

Important dates for your diary

Tuesday 9th February – Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 9th February - Year 5 and 6 Virtual Titanic Trip: SeaCity Museum (see separate letter for details)

Thursday 11th February – Screen-free Wellbeing Day (more details to be provided via Google Classroom nearer the time)

Friday 12th February – INSET Day

Monday 15th to Friday 19th February – Half Term

Stay Safe and Take Care