



Manor Hill First School News

15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you all for keeping up with the letters and communication over the last two weeks. This is the first actual Newsletter of the academic year after what has been an extraordinary start to the Spring Term.

I feel that, as a community, we have worked together incredibly well to make the changes necessary to keep everyone as safe as we can following the announcement of the National Lockdown.

Your response to the move to remote learning has been wonderful and we are incredibly proud of the way the children have adapted to working on Google Classroom. Together we have navigated the challenges this posed and are in a super position to make the most of the children's learning for the rest of this half term.

We will keep you updated with how the online learning may evolve over the coming weeks and appreciate your feedback. Your kind comments regarding the provision have been passed on to the staff and are greatly valued, this is uncharted for them too and they are working incredibly hard to maintain provision for all, so thank you!

Now more than ever it is important to support those around us, as a school we are here to help in any way that we can, please do not hesitate to reach out if you need to. Please do be kind to yourselves too, we appreciate how tricky it can be coordinating home school, work and other commitments and we know that everyone is doing the best that they can.

Best wishes,

Jess Roden, Headteacher

Reading Eggs

Next week each child will receive a log in to Reading Eggs. This is an online platform that will give each child access to phonics, spelling and reading resources. Lessons will be set each week to complete and there are games, activities and 1000s of books to read. This will help everyone to keep up their reading, which we know is so important.





Covid 19



- Our school is open to Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children only.
- We ask that you only take up places at school if you absolutely need to and only use the days that you require.
- As before, please DO NOT send your child to school if they are unwell or have been in contact with someone who has Covid19.
- A comprehensive remote learning offer is in place for all classes, should you require any support accessing this please get in touch with us.

Hilltops

Due to current staffing levels we are unable to offer before and after school care. We will reinstate this as soon as possible.

Free School Meals

The Government has announced the reopening of National Voucher Scheme, when we have final confirmation details will be passed to eligible families until then we will continue to provide food hampers.

To qualify you must meet the criteria found here:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Education-al-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Q001.aspx>

If you think you meet this criteria but have not made a claim please apply here:

<https://apps2.staffordshire.gov.uk/web/fsmweb/>

The school will be updated with any successful FSM Claims and we can add you to the voucher distribution list.

Thank you

Nursery

Our Nursery is currently open to all pupils age 3 or 4 or turning 3 before 31.3.21. Critical worker status is not required.

If your child is not attending the Facebook Groups are updated daily with activities, songs and stories to join in with.