



FRIDAY FLYER

8 January 2021

Next Week

Messages from Staff:

Communication

Communication is key, especially during a National Lockdown. So, we will continue the Friday Flyer to give you weekly updates. We regularly update on Twitter, so please refer to Twitter when you can. If your child's class is using Microsoft Teams, then you have live access to the teachers each day. If you need our support with anything then please call or email the office and we will do what we can to help you. We just want you to know that you are not alone.

Critical Workers

As you know school is open for critical workers only. We are asking families to only send children to school if they absolutely need to. We are doing all that we can to keep our school community safe. With no testing and vaccine yet, these are worrying times for everyone. We thank you in advance for your support. You will know we have a booking system in place. If you require a place for your child for the week beginning 18 January, you need to book a place by 2.00pm on Thursday 14 January. The booking form will be sent to you on Monday 11 January.

Remote Learning

We hope that during this lockdown you are feeling more supported with the education offer your child is receiving. This is a new way for everyone to adapt to. There will be some technical issues and time needed to adjust. Can we ask that you are patient and that you report any issues via email / phone call to the school office. I hope you can access the teachers with ease and the children are enjoying the interaction with their peers and also the feedback from the teachers. Please use the conversation function during live lessons to support learning and share what you are doing at home. It has been great to see so many of you online this week. I hope to see more next week as we all get used to remote learning.

Zoom Assembly

We hope you enjoyed the Zoom assembly today. It was nice to see so many families. Each week we will award a Head Teacher Award for the child who shows the learning powers at home or at school. Miss Scrutton has also introduced a Times Table Champion for children in Key Stage Two. This will be generated from the children using the PiXL app. Mr Dowsing will also award a sports award. House Captains and Vice House Captains will also be talking to the children about what they would like the children to achieve at home or in school.

Head Teacher Surgery

It's really important that you feel supported during this lockdown. As a parent myself I know how hard it is to juggle work, childcare and remote learning. So, I would like to be able to offer a Head Teacher surgery which has no agenda, but I can offer support to families if needed. I was planning on doing one per Key Stage. These will be via Zoom. So, I will plan these over the next two weeks for a Thursday afternoon, where I know you will not be Remote Learning. The first surgery will be for EYFS/ KS1 parents and this will take place at 1.30pm on Thursday 14 January. The second surgery will be for KS2 parents and this will take place on Thursday 21 January at 1.30pm.

Message from the Ipswich Hospital Band

I am very pleased to let you know that your children and parents collected £137.63 when we played carols in the playground at the end of term. So a big thank you for organising this and on behalf of the Band I would like to thank you, your staff and all your parents and children for giving so generously. This year, against all the odds, we have managed to collect £2447.70, which will be shared equally between the Bands and the Elizabeth Hospice. May I wish you, your teachers, parents and children a Happy New Year. Let's hope that 2021 is a better year!

The Recreation Ground, The Street, Martlesham

Martlesham Parish Council is proposing improvements to the Recreation Ground on The Street, Old Martlesham and would like to know what existing and potential users think of these improvements. To let them know what you think, you can complete the survey online by going to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VMYQ3MV>, or <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/78XR929> on Facebook.

Thursday 14 Jan

EYFS/KS1 Head Teacher Surgery at 1.30pm

Friday 15 Jan

Dress Down Day for Pegasus house. Wear yellow to celebrate the House Cup Autumn Term victory.

Head Teacher Assembly @10.00am

Upcoming Dates

Term Dates will be issued week commencing 11 January.

21 January

KS2 Head Teacher Surgery at 1.30pm