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Withernsea Primary School



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February 2021 Newsletter

Remote Learning

A fantastic effort – well done 90% of our children are engaging in work and learning.

In KS 2 we are using teams so we can have check in meetings, post videos showing children how to do things, chat and message. The children can also submit work and get feedback. If you need any help and support with teams just let us know – there are some helpful guides on our website as well. In KS 1 we are using Dojo which isn't quite as interactive but please remember to send us photos of things you are doing so we can celebrate all that hard work.

We only have several devices left which we can loan out – if you need something let us know. If you are also not using equipment please let us know as we may need to re-allocate it, once we run out of devices.

Return to School

The government have said they will review the lockdown on February 15th and they would also give schools 2 weeks' notice when to re-open. We know as much as you do and we will get to hear about it at the same time through either the media or government briefings. Matt Hancock has suggested schools may not open after half term – if this is the case we will continue as we are doing and will support you as much as we can. Please continue to work with us and we can support each other. It is hard and we all crave normality, but we just have to keep going and help each other and hopefully we can get some normality soon.

Parents Evening

Over the next 2 to 3 weeks all the teachers will give each family a ring to check how everyone is – this will be your telephone consultation and is an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and any concerns you may have.

Normally the children would have prepared presentations in KS 2 but that's not possible at the moment.

Please follow lockdown rules - socially distance, do not socialise between households and stay safe. Take care of each other and protect our community.

Anti-Bullying and Cyberbullying

We want all our pupils to know how to use the internet safely and happily – however, they need our support to ensure that happens as sadly there are many people out there who abuse the internet and intend harm in some way.

Excellent websites for parent/guardians include:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk
www.internetmatters.org

www.saferinternet.org.uk
www.childnet.com

Mental Health and Wellbeing

We have been talking to the children not only about physical health but also how to be mentally healthy. **Children’s Mental Health week is 1st to 7th February and National Time to Talk Day is 4th February.** We have been emphasising the importance of talking to each other. Please encourage this with your child as well – thank you.



An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

On the **9th February** it is ‘Safer Internet Day’. The website below contains lots of excellent advice and guidance on how to stay safe online. www.saferinternetday.org.uk



School year – 2020-2021

	Autumn 2020	Spring 2021	Summer 2021
Open	Mon 7th September	Tue 5th January	Mon 12th April
Close half term	Wed 21st October	Fri 12th February	Wednesday 25 th May
Open	Mon 2nd November	Tue 23th February	Monday 14 th June
End of term	Fri 18th December	Fri 26th March	Friday 23 rd July

*Please note we close for May Day on Monday 3rd May 2021.