



The Richard Heathcote C.P. School



Newsletter – Monday 11th January 2021

Firstly, my apologies for not sending out a newsletter on Friday, it was a pretty hectic week trying to sort out both learning from home and opening for children in school whilst keeping updated with the constant government u-turns and updates.

I would like to thank all parents and children for quickly adapting to remote learning. In some ways we did feel fortunate to have tested our remote learning policy during the autumn term in most classes and therefore the switch for most was relatively easy.

However, we have been working hard during this last week to further enhance our remote learning offer and new timetables have been rolled out today. We will continue to evaluate our practice and the children's learning over the coming weeks.

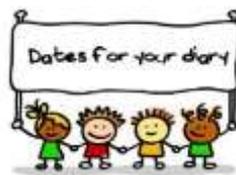
Updates to our remote learning policy and expectations for remote learning will be published later this week.

Our nursery is currently open to all children, as per government guidance, although we are hearing that this may change today.

We currently have nearly 40% of children attending school and in some classes this rises to 50%.

So although the press are reporting schools are closed, schools are very definitely open!

Teachers are working remotely and all of our support staff are in to support the children in school who are accessing their learning from here. We are providing food hampers to families eligible for Free School Meals and continue to support any families encountering any difficulties. If you have any queries, teachers are available on TEAMS throughout the day and you can contact the school office as normal throughout the lockdown.



Spring Term 2021

Friday 15th January – Closing date for Reception 2021 admissions

Monday 8th February – Parents Evening

Monday 15th – Friday 19th February – Half Term