



KILLINGHALL CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

'Helping children to make the next step on their learning journey.'



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Dear Parents,

Thank you once again to all the parents who have emailed this week thanking us for the remote learning that has been set up. As always these supportive emails are much appreciated by everyone in school and really do support staff morale and wellbeing.

I hope that many of the older children are now able to access the majority of the remote sessions independently at home – this is certainly the case for the children in school who are expected to do this.

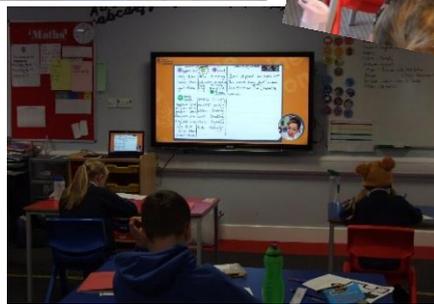
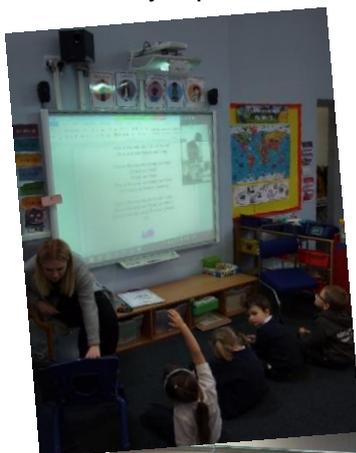
Family support

We are very aware that the current situation affects every family differently. Please remember that we are here to support everyone; your children matter hugely to us all. We are not just here to help with academic aspects of learning but also family welfare and mental wellbeing. We know that the Covid crisis has affected some families significantly regarding finance; we may be able to help you if this is the case. Please know that you can contact us confidentially if you need any support and we will do our best to help.

We are looking to set up a school foodbank to support our community. If you are able to drop any non perishable items to school that would be brilliant – these can be left on the unit in the entrance foyer between 9am and 2pm each day. Thank you.

Life in School

We have over 50 children in school each week. Life is very different for the children attending; strict social distancing is in place and the same remote learning as for those at home is being given, the only difference is that on occasions they use the smartboard screens. Due to requiring efficient ventilation the rooms can be chilly – please ensure that children coming in to school have an extra layer of clothing.



Request to KW Parents

With apologies for asking this again, but it is my responsibility to keep everyone as safe as possible... Given current Covid data, especially in the Killinghall and Hampswaite areas, which have the highest number of positive Covid tests in the whole Harrogate area, I am asking once again that those of you who have children in school assess if this is absolutely necessary. With the new remote learning sessions in place there is significantly more support for parents working from home to also keep their children at home. The Government have said that 'where possible children should be at home as this is the safest place for them'. I know that for many of you this isn't an option and you have to go out to work, we are here to support you.

Covid Testing in School

You may have read in the press that Lateral Flow Testing is being rolled out in primary schools. This is for staff only. They are being asked to opt in to twice-weekly LFD tests in order to try and manage the COVID-19 infection rates. Approximately 1 in 3 individuals are asymptomatic when they contract COVID-19 and it is believed that the use of regular LFD tests amongst staff will help to identify those who may be positive for COVID-19 and are still infectious yet are asymptomatic. This optional testing will be rolled out in school from next week. One of the knock on effects may be that KW bubbles have to close if positive tests are returned which will result in isolation.

Parent Consultation Meetings

This half term we would normally hold our face to face parents' evenings. This year we will be offering these via Zoom. Appointments will be made starting on Monday 1st February. Teachers will contact you to arrange these via email. The appointments will be for 10 minutes as usual – it will be very important that the timings are rigorously maintained due to them being on Zoom and that parents are not late to their allocated slot.

PTA

While Christmas may already seem like a distant memory the PTA are really pleased to let you know your total orders for the Christmas Card project were £826.50 and you raised £216 for the school library – thank you.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes



Mrs Sarah Bassitt



- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

