

## Ingleby Mill Newsletter February 2021



### Happy Half Term Everyone

With just a couple of days to go until half term, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our whole school community for your love and support during this challenging start to 2021 and to wish everyone a happy half term. Our last day will be Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February then everyone has a week off from learning from home or coming into school – enjoy it. Key worker provision for children in school, and remote learning for children at home starts again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Parents of children who attend our nursery should also have all been informed that nursery will open again fully during the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> February with all nursery children being able to attend on their normal days/times. We have heard no more than anyone else about a confirmed date for a full return for the rest of school, but as soon as we do hear we will let parents/carers know immediately.

### Remote Learning

Thank you to parents, carers and extended family who are supporting children with the remote learning being provided by class teachers. I have received lots of feedback to say that the routine of 3 allocated daily lesson times is helping to structure the day well for many of our children. I understand that in a few cases parents have made arrangements directly with teachers for their children to hand in work in the evenings or weekends as this fits around your work shift patterns. However you are managing it, thank you for the amazing job you are doing. I can log into SeeSaw and Microsoft Teams and see all the teaching and learning in every class and all of the work being returned by the children. I am so proud of the response from our teachers, teaching assistants, children and families in demonstrating determination and ambition to continue to learn and progress. The vast, vast majority of children are engaging well with learning remotely and I know at times it must seem tough but please believe you are doing a great job. Just sticking to a daily routine is helping children to keep up with their learning as well as developing early skills towards managing their own workloads – something most of us didn't think about until well into our teens or even until we became adults. We will continue to communicate with families where engagement is low, trying to find ways to help you with motivation and engagement or finding alternative ways to access the learning.

### PE Days

A few parents of children accessing our key worker provision have asked about whether children should still come to school on PE days dressed in their school tracksuits/PE kits and whether the days remain the same as last term. The answer to both of these questions is yes. We will still run PE sessions in school in line as far as is possible with the PE activities being set for home learning, where the focus is around keeping active, fit and healthy.

### Non-screen day

I hope everyone has enjoyed today's non-screen day. It is so important to reinforce messages about limiting screen time and I hope that children and families have enjoyed some of the great activities suggested by their teachers as well as finding some time to play out in the snow.



### Parents meetings

Parents meetings this term have been staggered across the term with Reception meetings having already taken place last week. This week years 5 and 6 parents meetings are well underway. After half term we have meetings for parents of children in years 3 and 4 during the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> March, for children in years 1 & 2 during the week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> March and for parents of children in nursery during the week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> March. Letters are emailed to parents a couple of weeks before parents meeting weeks so that you can book using our normal parents evening booking system on Schoolcloud. Parents are offered a video meeting or a phonecall if that is preferred. I hope that you find these meetings a useful way to catch up with teachers about your child's progress and to ask any questions you may have.

### Term Dates

#### 2021 Spring Term

Half Term Close Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021  
Re-open Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2021 for nursery  
& **keyworker provision**  
Easter Close Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

#### 2021 Summer Term

Term starts: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
Half Term Close Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021  
Re-open Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021  
Summer Close Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2021

#### Professional Development Days

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021  
Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

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