

### Parent/Carer Newsletter



#### Key Dates for Parents/Carers

Monday 1st - Friday 5th February - Children's Mental Health Week Friday 12th February - Last day of Term

Important Information

Dear Parents & Guardians,

I hope you have all been keeping safe and well.

I am so pleased to announce that we have been awarded the status of being a Renaissance Partner School. This is a great opportunity for the school as it allows us to contribute to research and development at Renaissance and also raising the profile of our wonderful school. We will be sharing our school experiences for others to learn from and when we return to some form of normality we will be hosting Renaissance organised and supported events.



This certificate is awarded to

#### **Wexham Court Primary School**

in recognition of becoming a

## Renaissance Partner School 2020/2021



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I am really happy to hear that many of you are so pleased with the remote learning. Last week, we reviewed our approach to see what was working well and what needed to be refined. You will notice that this week Teachers will be giving short pre-recorded explanations. This is so that while the explanation is going on, Teachers can support pupils. They can stop and rewind the video to highlight





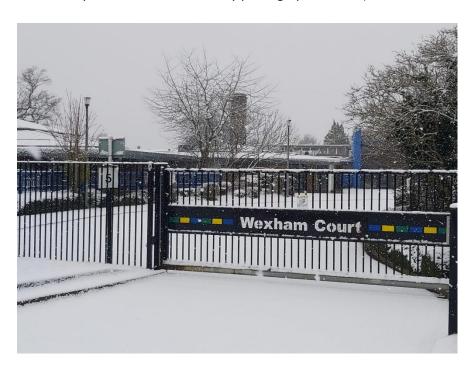
key points and the pupils can re-watch the videos when they get stuck. This will be followed by group work in break-out rooms, making the teaching more meaningful.

In addition to this, it will mean that pupils will not have to remain on the laptop all day. I also wanted to remind parents that pupils have access to their MyOn reading account, which has an immersive reader function. This means that the computer will read to them, which is helpful if they are struggling with any work or if they are a reluctant reader. It is very important that they continue to read. Research has shown that reading is an area in which children have improved in during lockdown. There are also a number of great stories available on podcasts too!

Finally, we have purchased 40 additional laptops for pupils to use during the lockdown. Again, we will go through the list and apply our criteria. If you need a device, please call the office after 5.30pm and leave a message stating:

- Your name
- Your child's name
- Why you feel you should receive one

Finally, I hope you enjoyed the snow! We had a number of woodland visitors leave footprints across the playground. I leave you with this rather lovely photograph below :-)



We hope you have a great week ahead! Stay safe.

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#### Awards & Honours



# STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
				Mozambique Hamiz		Lexie
wales Nadhra				Tanzania Jaspreet		china <b>Lewis</b>
X Scotland Rakshini	·			Morocco Sadie	<u> </u>	Thailand  Kaden





#### Key Messages & Reminders

#### The Baby Bank

The Baby Bank have found themselves sadly busier than they have ever been supporting local families with essentials. Last year alone they helped over 3000 children and babies and have recently completed a Christmas Pyjama appeal which enabled them to gift over 1163 packs to local children.

They continue to help families with baby items (formula, nappies, clothing, cots, prams etc) as well as older children up to 16yrs with toiletries, school uniform, clothing and shoes. If any of you may be struggling then please do not hesitate to contact The Baby Bank for help. Here is the link to the referral form which provides a list of items they can support you with: The Baby Bank (Berkshire & Surrounding Areas) (google.com)

They can deliver these items to the school for you to collect from.

From all the staff here at Wexham Court Primary School, we wish you a great week ahead!