

## Parent/Carer Newsletter



#### Key Dates for Parents/Carers

Monday 18th January - Cancelled Friday 12th February - Last day of Term

#### Important Information

Dear Parents & Guardians,

What a difference a day makes! With so many changes, it is hard to keep up with what is going on. Thank you for supporting the children in their home learning, our aim is to get as many pupils as possible on laptops and working with their Teachers.

If you do not have a device, please contact the school office between 5.30pm and 6.00pm and leave a message on the answer phone stating the names of your children and their class. Please mention if you have a laptop/device or not or if you need support with your laptop.

The Senior Leadership Team and I have been joining the live lessons this week and they are really good! The pupils need a device for the live lesson and then work independently. The Teacher and Learning Support Assistant will then work with pupils 1:1 or as a group.

During this difficult time, we want to offer places for vulnerable children and families – we understand that if both Parents are critical key workers then their children should come to school, however if only one Parent is a critical key worker then the child should stay at home. We need to limit the number of children coming into School as the infection rates are extremely high and we want to ensure the safety of staff and pupils by minimising the amount of people we have coming in.

We are still awaiting information about the Free School Meal vouchers from the DfE and are just as frustrated as you are. In the meantime, we will be making food parcels for all of Reception, Year 1, 2, and any FSM pupils. If you require one, please respond to the email which has been sent to you. Parents will receive vouchers for the half term holiday again.

Being plunged into another lockdown brings along with its certain challenges such as online learning. Luckily, the Government have committed funding to improve internet access for the purposes of home learning. The amount of data available will vary by provider. Data will be increased until the end of July 2021. This support will provide a limited number of free increases to data allowances for families who meet the following criteria:

- do not have access to a fixed broadband connection
- cannot afford the additional data needed to access educational resources or social care services
- have access to a mobile device that uses a participating network\*





 are facing disruption to their face-to-face education, or have been advised not to attend school

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At the moment, these following network providers/contract types are offering this potential benefit:

- EE Pay Monthly and Pay-as-you-go
- Three Pay Monthly and Pay-as-you-go
- Sky Mobile Pay Monthly only
- SMARTY Pay Monthly and Pay-as-you-go
- Tesco Mobile Pay Monthly only
- Virgin Mobile Pay Monthly only

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If you think that this may apply to your family, you will need to complete and return the letter we sent out last week so that we can apply through the DfE. Please note that success is not guaranteed and there are only very limited numbers of data increases being offered by each of the participating providers.

During remote learning our Teachers are working extremely hard setting meaningful and ambitious work each day in several different subjects. We as a School are providing remote education that includes either recorded or live direct teaching which is the equivalent length to the core teaching pupils would receive in School. As a minimum that is:

- 3 hours a day for Key Stage 1 (years 1 and 2 when pupils are aged between 5 and 7)
- 4 hours a day for KS2 (years 3-6 when children are aged between 7 and 11)

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Those hours include both direct teaching and time for pupils to complete tasks or assignments independently. To see how you can also support your child's education during COVID-19 check out the GOV.uk website for tips and support: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19">https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19</a>

Additionally, the Safe Street has been suspended until the children return to School.

And finally, as infection rates are rising all over the UK, it is of high importance that we continue to follow the rules by social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands and not mixing with other households...the only way to combat this disease is to follow the rules and stay safe! With the vaccine roll out taking place, we should hopefully see the light at the end of the tunnel.

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

Regards & best wishes, Navroop Mehat





#### Awards & Honours

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
	Australia Hajira					Nepal Huzaifa
Wales Thomas	Tonga Eesa	<b>X</b> Jamaica		Tanzania Mohamad		China Simran
X Scotland Yahya	Fiji Anum		Chile Hibba	Morocco Konain		Thailand Hira



Children in the Majestic Oak team were treated to an arts & crafts days.

WHAT COULD NEXT TERMS TREAT BE???







# STARS OF THE TERM

Name	Class	Reason for Winning
Zayn Malik	Reception — England	Zayn is growing in confidence and using his voice to express himself and making exceptional progress in phonics.
Mehakpreet Aujla	Year 1 – Australia	for her unfaltering positive attitude and approach to her learning.
Taiba Fiaz	Year 2 – Canada	For her continual good choices, enthusiasm and curiosity towards her learning and representation of our school values
Abu Salim	Year 3 – Chile	For always having a smile and trying his hardest in all of his work even when he finds work difficult
Harry Hogan	Year 4 – Mozambique	Harry has settled in really well and has taken real pride and ownership of his learning. He has made great progress and I can't wait to see what the new year brings
Rayyan Khan	Year 5 – France	Rayyan is always giving his best, with a smile on his face, and is polite and mannerly to both staff and peers. His work is beautiful and he takes on feedback during lessons.
Mahria Hanif	Year 6 – Thailand	Mahria has been making a huge effort with her maths this term, taking the time to practise tricky skills at home until she could complete them independently





### PESTARS AWARD

Name	Year	Class	
Albie Galvin	Year 1	Fiji	
Logan Brant	Year 2	Jamaica	
Insiyah Sulemanjee	Year 3	Chile	M
Cairo Bramble-Carty	Year 4	Morocco	
Aiza Omar	Year 5	France	9
Jawad Bhatti	Year 6	Thailand	

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MANAGE OF THE MONTH		THANK YOU
Best Manners (Upper Primary)	Harry Hogan – Mozambique	
Best Manners (Lower Primary)	Nadezhda Borisova – Canada	PLEASE PLEASE
		EXCUSE ME

**MATHLETICS WINNERS** 

Top Scorer (Upper Primary)	Aiesha Hashemi – France	3
Top Scorer (Lower Primary)	Aaizah Malik – Australia	<b>3</b>



CRACKING TIMES TABLES - Wost Improved Class

The most improved class in lower primary	Chile	
The most improved class in upper primary	Hungary	

CRACKING TIMES TABLES - Most Improved student

Name Class		Reason for Winning	
Abdullah Awan	Peru (Lower Primary)	went from level 6 to 13 in a short space of time, superb progress!	
HOUNIAN AWAN	FORM (LOWER FRIMARY)		
Humza Hussain		moved up consistently over autumn term	
	Nepal (upper Primary)	and showed extra initiative to practise	
		at home	





# STARREADERS - Most Progress Award

Name	Class	Reason for Winning
Mesum Hussain	Year 1 – Fiji	Mesum has made the most progress in Year 1 as he has climbed 7 groups in his phonics
Mohammed Hashim Kiyani	Year 2 – Mexico	Mohammed Hashim has made the most progress in Star Reader in Year 2
Omar Abdelrahman	Year 3 – Chile	Omar has made the most progress in Star Reader in Year 3
Abhijoy Dutta	Year 4 – Morocco	Abhijoy has made the most progress in Star Reader in Year 4
Freya Dunstall	Year 5 – Italy	Freya has made the most progress in Star Reader in Year 5
Engalpreet Aulja	Year 6 - Nepal	Engalpreet has made the most progress in Star Reader in Year 6

#### Key Messages & Reminders

#### **Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC)**

Before the Christmas holidays, you would remember that we were raising money for Slough Homeless Our Concern (SHOC) and with your donations we have managed to raise and amazing grand total of £279! Thank you all so much for your generous donations.

#### **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: <a href="https://doi.org/10.2016/j.com/">The Baby Bank (Berkshire & Surrounding Areas)</a> (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!