



Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another big thank you from me for all the wonderful work going on at home and in school - I had my first 'live' Google Classroom session this week and it was wonderful to see so many smiling, thoughtful faces!

Critical Key Worker Attendance

Due to the continued high volume of pupils in school, I am appealing to all critical worker parents to **please** consider their childcare arrangements during lockdown.

Hampshire County Council is asking parents who are critical workers to consider carefully if they should be sending their children to school and whether it is possible for them to stay at home so that only children of those critical workers who cannot be looked after at home and vulnerable children are in school. Even families reducing by a single day makes a big difference to our provision in school.

We want to make sure that all vulnerable children are in school during this time but, in terms of other children whose parents are critical workers, we are keen that we strike a balance between enabling those parents to get to work and keeping the numbers of children in school to a minimum. By doing so, not only will we be helping to reduce the spread of infection in our community, but we will also avoid putting additional pressure on the NHS.

Google Classroom Feedback

Thank you for your patience whilst we have been altering our google classrooms set up. We would really appreciate some further feedback from our families. If you could reply to the question below, to the school's admin email address, we would love to hear your thoughts.

'What are the most effective aspects of the Twyford St Mary's remote learning?'

Please remember that children should now be sending in their work to their teachers via Google Classroom. This is now the easiest way for the teachers to receive, mark and provide feedback for work completed.

Inset day change

You will all have received a parentmail this week explaining that Friday 29th January will no longer be an INSET day, as we are still required to provide in-school care and teaching to pupils in lockdown. We have therefore moved this INSET day to **Monday 7th June 2021**.

Although this is an unavoidable change, we do appreciate that a few parents may find this difficult to manage. If there is enough interest, Coach Jake will be happy to provide a chargeable childcare club for the day on 7th June. There would be limited places available. Please email the adminoffice@twyford-pri.hants.sch.uk address to express your interest. If we decide to go ahead with this, bookings and payment will then need to be made direct with Coach Jake. Please note that an expression of interest via email at this stage will not constitute a priority place or a confirmed booking.

Warm wishes and stay safe,

Mrs Davies



Star of the Week

Ash	Isla Harriet	Two joint stars for being so brilliant when joining our class virtually. Welcome to Ash Class! :)
Beech	Whole Class	Miss Priest would like to say thank you for your AMAZING support as we begin our learning journey on Google Classroom! It's been so lovely to see you online and all of the wonderful learning you have been doing at home.
Sycamore	Joe	For his excellent poetry work this week, showing real dedication to the task and adapting poems to fit his own chosen theme of Minecraft.
Willow	Cata	For an INCREDIBLE rewrite of my diary entry - so emotive and powerful!
Yew	Martha	For doing her best in her remote learning and producing high quality work in all her assignments this week.



Roll of Honour

Ash	Lola	For being such a wonderful team bee, learning beautifully with others with a wonderful smile on her face.
Beech	Harley	For persevering with his excellent Titanic work with wonderful writing!
	Eva	For taking great care over the Titanic research and retelling the whole story.
Sycamore	Seren	For her independence and proactiveness in completing her learning - when it got tricky or she was confused, she didn't give up but had a go, asked for help, and carried on after.
	Chase	For making Mr R's day with his enthusiasm to engage in a collaborative poem with his peers (which isn't always easy to do online!). Thank you.
Willow	Joanie	For amazing contributions to our shared writing in our live stream.
	Barney	For super attitudes towards learning and really challenging himself with all his learning.
Yew	William	For creating a real sense of atmosphere in his setting description.
	Chloe He	For the care and attention taken to produce both excellent content in her work; and an amazing standard in her presentation.

Dates for your diary

Spring Term	
15 th – 19 th February	Half Term
4 th March	World Book Day
18 th March	Young Shakespeare Company Production of Hamlet (KS2)
22 nd – 25 th March	Year 6 Bikeability
22 nd March	Last week of after school activity clubs
1 st April	Last day of term / INSET day