

3rd February 2021

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Dear Parents & Carers,

We hope all our families and friends are keeping well during this difficult period. Please do keep in touch with our Friday assemblies, which we are sharing with you virtually at the moment. We use these not only to talk about the weekly Star Awards but to also share any updates and news about remote and school-based learning.

Parents and Carers – you are doing an amazing job at supporting your children at home with their learning. Our teachers continue to work hard to maintain regular contact and presence through videos, emails, phone calls, visits to homes and some live-feed sessions. We will continue to share examples of the photographs of learning that you submit and return to teachers via our Facebook page.



LINK: <https://youtu.be/FWASyblbY6A>

CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week is national Children's Mental Health week. As you know, we have an on-going provision in school for both wellbeing and positive mental health. We therefore champion the national focus on mental health. This week all teachers will be setting some interesting tasks and challenges relating to this including some 'non-screen' based practical and hopefully fun learning. If you would like to have extra ideas at home, you can visit the national website linked here:

LINK: <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



SAFER INTERNET DAY 2021

During the following week, our learning will include a focus on national Safer Internet Day, which takes place on 9th February. This year the focus is - An internet we trust: exploring reliability in the online world

Safer Internet Day 2021 celebrates the amazing range of information and opportunities online, and its potential to inform, connect and inspire us, whilst also looking at how young people can separate fact from fiction. Teachers will be setting some learning, including stories and activities linked to this focus. For more info you can visit:

LINK: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021>



HALF TERM

It may seem strange to many who are home-based at the moment to be talking about the half term holiday. A reminder that takes place during the week commencing Monday 15th February. As normal, it is essential that children have a break from learning during that week. Remote learning will therefore not be set daily during that week and recommence on Monday 22nd February.

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TIMELINE FOR FULL RE-OPENING

As you will have seen in the media, the Prime Minister has indicated the earliest date that schools will possibly re-open is March 8th. In the meantime, our provision continues as it currently is with most children learning remotely.

Our leadership team in coordination with NSAT leadership and our governors, continue to review the situation and work together to ensure that any new guidelines or expectations are taken into account. We will remain optimistic of a return to full school in early March, however are always mindful of next steps should this be delayed.

Critical/Key Worker/Vulnerable Provision – please note that the DfE have informed all schools that there will be no provision during the half term week.

2021 WASTE MANAGEMENT CHALLENGE

Starbeck Primary is really pleased to be actively involved in a new Trust Waste Management Challenge. Headed up by our trust CEO, Jenn Plews alongside waste management expert Dr Jane Beasley, our Yr 6 children are tasked with opening their minds to the issues around recycling and how best to manage waste. After a live lesson and intro video from Dr Beasley, Mrs Plews delivered a Big Green Box of challenges and activities for the class to get stuck into from Monday. Further down the line and once school re-opens, we will widen the involvement to other year groups, forming a Green Ambassadors group, engaging in debate and discussion and ultimately forming a 'Waste Management' Policy for the whole trust, linked to sustainability, recycling, procurement and lots more. This is a fantastic opportunity for children to be involved in, lining to both our own 'Green' school improvement focuses as well as those of the trust.



Thank you for working in partnership with us during the school closure. Please continue to reach out to us if you have any questions or need help via telephone, email or through the various on-line remote learning platforms. We are here to support our children and families and will continue to work hard to be in regular contact

Yours sincerely

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