



It has been yet another busy week here at Ringstead! We are seeing many more pupils accessing our interactive platform – Microsoft Teams. Computing abilities of both pupils, parents and staff are certainly being upskilled! Thank you for continuing to support your child in continuing their education online, we know this is not an easy task to undertake as a parent.

A Microsoft Teams support guide has been created to support parents with not only accessing Teams but also with how to access assignments, notebook pages and upload documents to be marked by class teachers. If you do not receive or cannot receive this in an email, please contact the School Office.

This week, the Government issued Covid-19 Lateral Flow Tests for all staff within primary schools to begin using from Monday 25th January, 2021. As you will have seen in the news, 1 in 3 people are asymptomatic. Therefore, we view this as a great step forward in helping to support our local community in breaking the transmission of Covid-19.

Miss Bradbury – our new EYFS Teacher - joined us at the start of the year and has settled in well to the school. She has been working tirelessly in ensuring that our Reception children receive the best education possible in current circumstances, thank you Miss Bradbury.

EYFS pupils and parents will have noticed that Mrs Minards has not yet appeared on screen this term. Unfortunately, this is due to her being off sick, which is not Covid-19 related. However, we are not sure when she will return as yet but will indeed keep you informed. Luckily, EYFS is in good hands with Miss Bradbury and Miss Beswick - our Student Teacher – who will also be teaching in EYFS for the remainder of the academic year.

This week we were fortunate to see the return of our School Cook - Vikki and hot dinners. However, as there are not enough pupils who require a hot dinner our School Cook will once again be furloughed as of today. Nevertheless, due to being inundated with donations from the local community, we will endeavor to provide pupils in school with a hot meal/drink each day.

As ever, I hope you all continue to remain safe and well and sincerely hope you have a lovely weekend,

where we may even see some snow!

Mrs Roberts

M&S

M&S will give extra support to families by funding an additional £5 per week for each £15 lunch voucher redeemed at M&S via the Government's free school meals scheme in England. The retailer has produced a downloadable weekly meal planner to help parents prepare five simple, nutritious breakfasts and lunches for under £20 (for two children).

<https://corporate.marksandspencer.com/media/press-releases/5ff7017fc6fe1bc26cb21d12/m-and-s-food-to-bolster-the-government-s-15-free-school-meals-vouchers-to-20-to-give-children-breakfast-and-lunchtime-meals>

Virtual Library

Please find below a link for the free virtual library, created by the Oak National Academy. This website provides your child with access to free online books and videos provided by well-known authors. This week's author of the week is Jaqueline Wilson.

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

ColorVoil

Please find below a link for a free download which can help reduce eye strain when looking at screens for a long time. This has many benefits including supporting those pupils who (may) have Dyslexia.

<https://www.aurelitec.com/colorveil/windows/>

Dates for the Diary

Last day of term Friday 12th February, 2021

Last day of term before February half term.

Monday 22nd February, 2021 First day of term.
School reopens to pupils.

Teach children how they should live, and they will remember it all their lives.

Proverbs 22 v 6