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STAFFING UPDATE AND REMOTE LEARNING

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this finds you and your family well, and staying safe.

STAFFING ABSENCE

Unfortunately, the school currently has ten members of our team off school, two who have tested positive with CV-19, and the others are self-isolating. You will have already received our letter on Friday, 29th January 2021 informing you of this. Our Year 2/3 and Year 6 bubbles are not in school until Tuesday, 9th February 2021. Due to staffing issues, and as previously advised, we are unable to provide hot lunch meals during this time, until our catering staff return on 9th Tuesday, 2021

REMOTE LEARNING

On behalf of our teaching team, I would like to thank you for your unwavering support of our remote learning provision. We have evolved the Edmodo lessons over time and all teachers are offering bespoke PowerPoints, teacher voiceovers, film clips, daily quizzes and well-being activities to help keep our learners motivated and progressing well. The teacher/pupil engagement remains strong and pupils are submitting their work daily. Your positive comments to the Wildmoor team are always welcome and help to keep the team going when things are so difficult.

Remote learning cannot replace the face-to-face teaching experience or the social interaction. We are all deeply aware that few learners will progress as much at home as they would in school, however, we accept that circumstances created by the global pandemic have put us in this position. We will do the best we can to work closely with you as parents and carers and to support Wildmoor learners by offering quality learning. Providing they are well enough, our teachers will continue to upload the learning to Edmodo, communicate with the children and respond to your queries as parents and carers.

As discussed in my letter to you dated 22nd January 2021, several classes have now trialled Zoom calls successfully with the children. From this week, all teachers will be holding regular Zoom calls with their classes. Teachers are sending out Zoom permission letters today to all parents. To enable your child to join the Zoom calls, you will need to ensure the form has been returned to the class teacher and that you have prepared your child, following the guidelines in the teacher's letter. We have found from experience that the first call takes time to get set up and started. However, children are fast learners when it comes to technology and communication.

SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

Please do keep in touch with us. This week we are joining in the nationwide BirdWatch. Mrs Thurgood has produced her own YouTube film for the children, explaining how to join in with the Birdwatch and demonstrating how to make their own bird feeder.

Should you or your child need any support, please contact your child's teacher, via the class e-mail, to arrange a phone call or indeed a Zoom call. We have FoodBank vouchers – please just ask. We will continue to accept donations of dried/tinned foodstuffs to the school for distribution to our community.

Stay safe and well, and thank you again for all your support.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Semper'.

Mrs Semper
HeadTeacher

Remember that, if you prefer to have printed copies for your child, we can produce these for you or indeed, local estate agents are willing to print work for parents.

In addition, the government continues to point parents towards the following learning links which may be useful to support remote learning:

Oak National Academy: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

BBC Bitsize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>