



# Newsletter

Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

As I write this, I am looking at the snow falling, knowing that the children are very excited to get out and play, even though it hasn't stuck on the ground. The weather is very cold at the moment, but, as I always say, we will take the children out in all weather to get some fresh air. Please ensure that your child is suitably attired when they arrive at school to manage being outside for some of the day. Staff will be taking the children out on occasions for Outdoor Learning. The children will be told beforehand which day this will be, so that again, they can have the right equipment for them to enjoy themselves.

Pumps will also be required in school for the children attending, so that they can complete some PE too.

Stay safe everyone.

Very best wishes.

Gill Finney,

Headteacher.



## Dates For Your Diary

12th Feb 2021—Break up for half term

22nd Feb 2021— Return to school

26th March 2021—Break up for Easter

12th April 2021—Return to school

No new dates have been added as we are having no unnecessary visitors into school at the moment.

## Lockdown

As has been previously mentioned, if you or your partner work from home, or are at home, then, as stated in Government Guidance, children should work from home too where possible, in order to keep everyone safe.

At the moment, the staff are sharing their time between teaching in school and from home. If the teacher is in school, with the responsibility of the children who are in that day, their responses to the children working at home may not be as fast as expected. Please be patient with the teacher in this instance, as they are really doing their best to accommodate work from children both at home and in school.

The teachers are working hard to find a variety of tasks that will motivate the children. A number of emails have been sent between staff every evening this week highlighting extra resources that could be used to support learning. This may include online comprehension, Purple Mash, downloadable worksheets, games, Phonics Play, reading book sites, PE and anything else which supports our curriculum. If the children are working at home, the staff will be expecting to see work sent back so that they can mark it and give feedback. Sometimes this may be a smiley face and other times it will give them pointers on how to improve.

Calls will be made to parents who have children at home once a week from every class you have a child in, to ensure that things are going well and give support if required.

## Welcome Back

We have welcomed Mrs Andrew back to school this term. At the moment she is working part-time hours, but it has been rather a baptism of fire for her as she only worked one full day and then we went into lockdown!

I know she is enjoying the Year 5 class and has been impressed with their work so far. Well done Year 5!

## Reception on-line Applications

Parents should access the on-line admission forms for Reception places for September 2021 through [www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools). Closing dates for Reception places are 15th January 2021—**TODAY**.

