



'Learning, Achieving Together'

NEWSLETTER

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COVID 19
UPDATE!

Covid Safety

As you are all very well aware, we are currently in a national lockdown where the advice from the Government is ***if you can keep your children at home you should.***

That includes not bringing your children to school when they can be at home.

We understand the need to support children on site if you are a Key Worker who needs to go out to do essential work and we are more than happy to do so when needed. But if for example, your partner is a key worker and you are not, and are therefore at home, then we would appreciate your support in keeping your children safe at home, accessing the provision of remote learning. Just a reminder—this provision is the same as that shared in school.

We are constantly reviewing the provision we have in the school and the safety and wellbeing of pupils and staff. We have to risk assess the numbers of children on site and the suitability of the provision under Health & Safety guidelines during the latest lockdown. Due to the large numbers of pupils on site and our need to ensure continued safety, we are close to the point of having to cap numbers.

As a school, we therefore ask that if you are a critical worker but can keep your children at home, please do—even if just on the days that you are not working. Thank you for your support.

House Teams

Last week, **GREEN TEAM** won the house point competition—Well done!

Wellbeing

This week is Children's Mental Health Week. The theme for this year is 'Express Yourself' and we hope you've been enjoying sharing the videos and links we've been sending out via the App and website about this weeks events.

We also hope that you have all begun to receive the little message that has been posted out to all the children working from home.

To help us all stay together whilst apart as the Richmond family, and remind us all that we'll be back together soon, we have sent home a little activity for you to do and then share back with us.

We are asking all the children to make a little origami bird (paper and instructions are in your post!) and then send it back to school so we can hang them all together. (Return envelopes also included) The children can also send a little note or message or picture as a way of expressing something about themselves and keeping us all together in a bit of a different way.

Celebrations

Well done to all those children working hard at home on all the different aspects of home learning. We are loving seeing and responding to the work. Remember, anyone that has their name shared and work celebrated in the school's virtual assemblies can earn themselves 50 HOUSEPOINTS!

Safeguarding

Please note that we have been made aware of a silver Nissan in the local area that has caused some suspicion, moving around the local roads at the start and end of the school day. Please ensure if your children walk home themselves they are reminded of road safety and stranger danger.



REMOTE LEARNING SUPPORT

Microsoft Teams



All of the remote home learning is now delivered by MS Teams for Reception —> Year 6. To log into Teams, go to: <https://www.office.com/>

Then, just use the username and password emailed to you and click on the Teams icon.

Thank you to all the families, parents, carers and children that have already begun engaging with their learning and teachers through Microsoft Teams.

In using Teams, the children can access all their learning video lessons for the day, as well as the 'assignments' that are set that allows them to submit their work to teachers remotely.

Lesson Videos

Please can we ask that you support your children in watching the videos before they complete their work.

Although the assignment tabs give clear instructions for the tasks set, without watching the lesson videos first, the children may miss key information that would help them complete their work more effectively.

Even though not in the classroom, we still encourage the children to take their time so that they can get all the learning possible and they don't just rush through tasks. Thank you.

Tips & Hints

In each team, there is now a tab 'Microsoft Answers'.

In this area, you can search for help and advice on using and navigating Teams if you encounter any hiccups.

You can also keep a look out in the posts in each year group channel for tips and hints on how to use Teams even more—this will include written messages as well as videos from teachers sharing steps to take—such as how to submit your work (this week's video from Ms Cain).

Thank you

We appreciate your understanding that with technology, although some days aren't as smooth running as others, you know we are all working hard and doing our best to support you remotely for as long as we need to. Thank you for the kind messages of thanks, support and encouragement we have been receiving from many of you.



Wednesday 10th—Challenge Day!



On Wednesday, you will notice something a little bit different on Teams. Next week, we are having a school-wide, remote learning challenge day. Watch your welcome video that day very carefully as the tasks you will be set to complete will be a little bit different... and require you to show off all that you have been learning about this half term in a different, fun way!

There will also be a bonus Miss Money Penny/Mr Mattingly/Attendance Ted assembly that day as well as story / reading remote sessions from a few different people :)

We can't wait to see what you produce and share with us what you get up to via Teams.