

Newsletter 8th January 2021

Dates for your diary

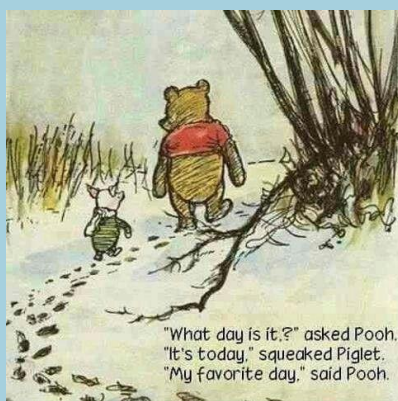
Thursday 14th January 2021
**6.00pm Finance Governing
Body Meeting**

Friday 15th January 2021
**Year 2 SATs Parents Meeting
TBC**

Friday 12th February 2021
3.30pm School Finishes



remotelearning@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk



School News

Happy New Year!

What a week it has been ... firstly I would like to say a huge thank you to all the staff for having to change their ways of working at such short notice (and twice this week) and being so positive throughout! Also, a big thank you to all the parents for being so patient with us whilst we all come to terms with remote learning. Some of you/us are experienced users of Teams and for some of you/us it has been completely alien, so we hope everyone has found it a little easier as the week has gone on.

We are trying to respond to feedback and requests as quickly as possible, please bear in mind that some staff are working from home too, so requests may take a little time to get through, especially if staff are teaching in school or leading a remote session.

All queries regarding remote learning should be emailed to:
remotelearning@mrsblands.w-berks.sch.uk
I am monitoring this account regularly.

Some of the most popular requests that we are responding to:

- Teachers will join the meeting 10 minutes earlier, to allow children to be let in from the waiting room, so the session can start promptly
- Meetings should have been set to recur, so you won't receive multiple emails.
- Teachers are asking children to set devices to 'mute' unless they are asked to speak, to ensure everyone can hear the teacher
- Work will be put up on Seesaw from 8pm the night before, to allow parents some prep time

Don't worry if you're child doesn't get through all the work in the morning, before the 11.30 review session. We appreciate parents will be working from home too and may have meetings, which means home learning times need more flexibility. Your child's teacher will still respond to work put up on Seesaw on a daily basis.

Children attending school

We are currently having a very cold spell and temperatures have been -1 and below outside. Our current Covid risk assessment stipulates that we still have to have a couple of windows open in each class. Please can you make sure children come to school with lots of layers (vests, T-shirts, long sleeve tops under their jumpers etc) for inside and big warm coats with hats and gloves for outside please. Some children have complained of being cold. We are maintaining the heating to at least 18 degrees, but it is probably colder than your homes. Thank you.

School Food Boxes for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

It would be appreciated if all parent/carers could complete the on-line form for food boxes by 9.00am on Monday morning to allow our catering staff time to order the necessary supplies.

Mrs Bland's PTA Balloon Race

The Mrs Bland's inaugural balloon race was won by Joseph's Dada's Duck. Congratulations to the owner Sarah Irwin.