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Remote Learning

Thank you for all of the support you have given your children with remote learning so far. Please see the attached letter with important information.

Here are a few children's comments about home learning from Year 6:

The thing that I most like about learning online is that we have the ability to see our friends and teachers and learn new things together. My favourite thing about the online learning is that we can still make improvements on our work from school and learn loads of new skills. When we finish our lesson at two, I do my tasks that my teacher (Miss Smith) has set me to do. All of that work takes me an hour to complete and I post my work on Purple Mash so that my teacher can see.

By Bulou

I really enjoy this certain style of home learning during these hard times. The children's mental health improves when learning with friends and teachers live compared to if the children were in a classroom then watching pre-recorded videos of teachers. In my personal opinion I believe this was the best decision the teachers at Zouch ever made (because they are amazing(obviously).)

By Aman

Meanwhile, in school...

We like coming into school as we get to see other people, we have all the learning printed for us, which makes completing work easier, and we produce a good standard of work. Having the Teaching Assistants with us is a big help as they support us and our learning, and we can easily talk to them. It has been lovely having a variety of TAs, old and new, such as Mrs Owens, Mrs Longshaw, Mrs Clark, and Mrs Batson plus we get to see Miss Smith every day.

By Chenmi and Jayden

Critical Workers

A reminder that children of critical workers can only attend school when:

- both parents are critical workers
- both parents are in work that day
- there is no alternative childcare option

Please let us know as soon as possible if you have booked a place which you no longer need as it can then be reallocated to another child who needs it.

New Books

For home learning, we would like children to keep their work together in one book. When your child comes to the end of their current exercise book, you can collect a replacement from school if you do not have an alternative one at home.

IT Support

If you need help with IT and access to Teams or Purple Mash, please do not ask the teachers during their lessons. Queries can either be emailed via Purple Mash to the teacher (who will answer when they are free) or by phoning the school office. **Please do not email teachers using their own work email addresses.**

Jordan Wylie Donations

Adventurer and friend of Zouch Jordan Wylie has kindly donated 10 Amazon Fire tablets to our school. These will be a great help to the children's learning both now and in the future – thanks Jordan!

Meanwhile, we have now increased the total from last year's sponsored run to an incredible £4442.51!

Reception to Year 2 Meal Vouchers

There has been an e-mail sent to parents today regarding the Meal Vouchers for the next two weeks. Please complete the attached form, print and return it to the school gate on Monday. There will be a black post box by the pedestrian gate. Please pop your reply slip into the black box.

School Meals

Just a reminder, there will be no school packed lunches provided for children in school from Monday 25th Jan. **All children coming to school will need to bring a packed lunch with them.**

For parents of children still coming into school:

Please note, you must still follow the Covid rules and **no children must come to school with any symptoms or if members of the household have symptoms**

Guidance on Symptoms

If your child develops any symptoms of Covid-19, he/she and any siblings must not come into school for 10 days from the first day of the symptoms.

Symptoms are:

High temperature; New/Continuous Cough; Loss of Smell or Taste

You must arrange for your child to be **tested** as soon as possible.

If your child receives a **negative test**, he/she and any siblings may return to school.

If your child receives a **positive test**, he/she and any siblings should remain off school for 10 days from **the date of the positive test and school must be notified.**

If it is known that your child has been in contact with someone who has tested positive for Covid-19, your child must isolate for 10 days, even if they have no symptoms.