



Newsletter 8: Tuesday 2nd February 2021

News: our school during COVID-19.

Thank you to all our parents/carers who are working so hard with school staff to support their children's learning. Last week over 98% of our pupils engaged with their learning. Thank you for your patience and understanding when teachers ask to see and speak to pupils. Because of your co-operation, only 1% of our pupils will need a check in from a county Education Welfare Officer this week.

Amendment to earlier version

Just a reminder that the only change to the Wales COVID rules is that, as of last Saturday, we are now allowed to meet with one other person from another household for outdoor exercise; it must start and finish from our home, children under 11 are allowed to accompany us but social distancing must be maintained.

-We are still not allowed to meet with other families outdoors or to go into anyone else's home unless they are part of our support bubble (which have a very specific set of criteria). **We know that children are missing sleepovers and play-dates but if we all stick to the rules we're more likely to be able to keep the school open** and Welsh Government will be able to get all pupils back into school.

As soon as we have more information about the re-opening of school to all pupils we will let you know.

This week is Children's Mental Health Week and children across school will be involved in wellbeing activities such as mindfulness mazes, dress to express, drawing inspired by feelings, cosmic yoga, guided meditation and making dream-catchers. This week the whole school will also be getting involved in Welsh Music Day 2021, which will include a virtual gig featuring Bronwen Lewis of 'The Voice' fame. If you'd like to join in from home, the link is:

<https://youtu.be/qgTinrGKJdA>

We hear that the daily 'check-ins', where children can catch up with their classmates and teachers via Teams, are still making a really positive difference to our pupils' wellbeing.

Message from the Foundation Phase team:

Other activities this week will include; writing instructions about brushing teeth; investigating odd and even numbers; learning the 2, 5 and 10x tables; using IT to make graphs and charts and using research skills to find out about different kinds of houses.

Message from Key Stage 2 team:

This week children will also be getting stuck into column addition and creating presentations to promote physical and mental health during lockdown.

Information

Reminders:

Friday 12th February is a Powys non-pupil day. No pupils will be attending school or being asked to complete distance learning on that day.

Tuesday 9th February - Safer Internet Day - PC Ainsworth will be delivering sessions on Teams. Please make every effort to ensure your child attends their session.

Miss Davies- 9:10-9:30

Mrs Fielding- 9:35-9.55
 Mrs Blower- 10:00-10:20
 Mrs Drakeford- 10:45-11:05
 Miss Jones- 11:10-11:30
 Mrs Watts & Mrs Rimmer- 1:15-1:45
 Mrs Warner- 1:50-2:10

Remember: details of your child/ren's **distance learning** can be found on the school website inside their class folder. General information about distance learning can be found in the 'Home Learning' folder. Plans for next week's learning will be uploaded into your child's class folder by 3.30pm each Friday. E-mail your child's class teacher if you need more help.

As part of our COVID risk assessment it's important that your child/ren come to school in clean clothes every day.

Teams meeting 'check-in chats' timetable.

The times below are opportunities for your child to check in on a live Teams meeting with their class teacher.

	8.20 am	8.30 am	8.40 am	9.00 am	12.00 pm	12.20 pm	12.30 pm	12.40 pm	2.50 pm	3.00 pm	3.10 pm
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Y1		x				x			x		
Y2		x				x			x		
Y3	x				x						x
Y4	x						x				x
Y5	x							x		x	
Y6	x							x		x	
RBSC				x			x				

A 'how to access Teams meetings' guide can be found on the 'Home Learning' section of our school website (www.knighton.powys.sch.uk) along with other useful information about distance learning at Knighton Primary including teachers' contact e-mail addresses.

As always, if you have any problems accessing these meetings, or any other distance learning, please e-mail your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and to our families who are following COVID guidelines. Hopefully this will help us all return to 'normal' as soon as possible.