



KINETON PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2021



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8th January 2021

Dear all,

Welcome back to the spring term!

What a start to 2021 we have had; not the start any of us would have wished for, but hopefully we can move through these difficult times together successfully and look forward to a return to something approaching normality before too long.

As you will be aware, staff have worked extremely hard this week to balance the need to provide remote learning for children at home, with supporting the children of critical workers and our vulnerable children who are in school. Hopefully the provision of both recorded sessions and a daily GoogleMeet has helped children remain motivated and connected to their classmates and teacher. Particular thanks to Mr Lewington who has assisted many children and parents with initial technological teething problems.

We have had a significant number of requests for places for children of critical workers, twice the number during the previous lockdown, and are grateful to parents who have now made alternative arrangements for their child or reduced the days their child needs to be in school. Government guidance continues to evolve in this area, with the latest being that **children should only be in school to allow a critical worker to do their job that day**, i.e. if there is another household adult who is not a critical worker, the request is that your child is not in school. If there are days when the critical worker is not working, you should keep your child at home then too. I would reiterate our request that regular consideration be given to this guidance, that the 'Stay Home' message is followed at every opportunity, and would appreciate any reductions to school places that parents are able to make. These will help to protect staff and children in school alike.

Remote learning

Remote learning activities will be available by 7pm the previous evening ready for the next school day.

Reading at Home

It is expected that pupils read or are engaged in sharing books for a minimum of 15-30 minutes per day depending on their age. On Monday, books will be available to collect from the main school gate on between 9:30-11:30am for all pupils. We intend for children to collect enough books for 3 weeks so we will offer another opportunity to change books on Monday 1st February. Please ensure all books (even paper copies) are returned to school once they have been read. Please refer to the attached documents for further guidance relating to the age of your child.

Reception 2021

If you have a child or know anyone with a child due to start school in September, the closing date to make an on-time application for school is Friday 15th January at 11.59am.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/applying-school-place-reception/apply-school-place-reception/1>

Have a lovely weekend.

Margaret Pollard

Head Teacher

Dates for your diary

February

Monday 15th - Friday 19th

Half term

Monday 22nd

Inset day