

Parent Meeting 6.1.2021 – Via Zoom

- Thank you to all parents who have been so supportive over the last few days!
- We have 2 members of staff now on maternity, so we have 2 new teachers in post. These are Miss Taylor (Class 2) and Mrs Marshall (Class 3). Mrs Glass is also back with us and will be teaching year 5 maths (year 5 children in classes 5 and 6) and some phonics.
- Live lessons will start tomorrow: 7.6.2021
Staff have been preparing over the last 2 days, getting to grips with the technology and the ICT Technician has ensured their devices are ready
- We know that some families may not have access to devices, or may not have enough devices for all of their children to access lessons at the same time.
A form will be sent out today asking for information so that we can identify families that may need to borrow a device from school.
The technician is ensuring that the devices will work from home and they will be ready from tomorrow.
You will be asked to sign a NYCC agreement if you wish to borrow a device.
- The lessons for the next 2 days (Thurs/Fri) will be slightly scaled down to allow all children to get used to Zoom and how it works and be able to find their work on DB Primary.
It will also allow for teachers to find out what works best in terms of online teaching.
This time will also be used to distribute learning packs (see below).
If your child does not have a device and you are collecting it on Thursday or Friday, don't worry, there is still work available on DB Primary.
Live lessons will begin in full from Monday 11th January.
- Resource packs are being prepared in school today. Every child will get a pack. These contain things like exercise books for maths, English and topic, whiteboards, pencils, whiteboard pens, rulers etc. Younger children will also have counters and phonics frames.
Some lessons may benefit from resources that can be found in the home, for example Lego bricks or pasta to count. Teachers may make further suggestions over the next few weeks.

Resource packs will be hand-delivered to all our families over the next 2 days.

The resource trolley will be in the school entrance again so that you can collect additional resources when they begin to run out.

- The timetable will be shared today.
It will also be on the DB Primary pages.
Some lessons such as phonics will be taught in different groups – you will be told which group your child is in.
Live lessons will vary in length – in school they are usually 1 hour long. Zooms may be shorter, followed by some independent work to complete, but this will vary.

Zoom invites will be sent to your child's DB Primary email the day before. All the invites will be sent within one email.

Afternoons will be known as 'topic'. This is because we will block subjects together, for example, we might have an RE week, a history week etc.

Where possible, the units will follow the long-term plans and therefore reflect what children would have been doing in school this half term.

Some lessons may need to be adapted to make them more suitable for online learning.

On Friday afternoons, Howard will be teaching PE/dance to all of the children (and parents if they wish!)

- Assessment will take place in the live lessons in the same way that it would in the classroom – teachers and teaching assistants will be monitoring the children as closely as is possible, asking questions, looking at work etc

Occasionally teachers may ask for work to be uploaded to 'My Work' folders – they will remind children how to do this. Work could be in the form of a document, or it could be a photograph. Teachers will review children's My Work folders on Friday afternoons. They will look through all the work, but may only comment on one piece.

Children will be asked to bring all of their books and work to school at the end of the lockdown period.

Please ensure that we are aware if children are struggling so that we can support them as much as possible.

- Attendance. It is expected that all children attend all Zoom lessons in order to access teaching. A register will be taken at the beginning of every session.
- If your child is unable to attend a session, please contact headteacher@christchurch.n-yorks.sch.uk to report the absence. Please use **ABSENSE** as the subject of the email.
- Code of Conduct. This will be sent to parents today and shared with the children tomorrow. It is in place to ensure lessons run as smoothly as possible and to ensure children get the most out of the lessons.

Thank you so much for your support – it is much appreciated!

We would like to assure you we are doing our very best to support you and your children in these very challenging times.