Kidmore End CE Primary School



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the halfway point in the school year, we wanted to update you regarding our work in school.

Unfortunately, at this time Mrs Hull remains on leave, and all of our thoughts are with her. We hope for her safe return very soon.

During this time, we are happy to welcome Mr Paul Atkins to the school. Mr Atkins works for the Oxford Diocesan Schools Trust, and is supporting the leadership of the school through this period.

Home Learning Update:

As you will have read in the last newsletter, we continue to reflect on the effectiveness of home learning. Last week, it was lovely seeing the children's excitement during the special Pet Sessions, and we have been very impressed with the learning attitudes of your family pets!

Safer Internet Day:

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet Day. During this period of lockdown, remote learning means that we are all spending more time than normal online, and the importance of internet safety is greater than ever.

To mark Safer Internet Day, Mrs Bickerton has arranged for an activity on each class's stream to watch during tomorrow's learning activities. Further details of activities that you can complete with your children can be found at:

https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2021

More resources and links are available in the e-safety section of the school website, which is found under the "Parent" tab. These include a Parents' Guide to Internet Safety.

A Reminder of What You Can Expect From Us:

Work will be uploaded by 8pm on the night before it is due to be completed, to enable you to plan your day ahead. This will consist of daily Maths and English tasks and a non-core subject assignment.

At the start of the day, teachers will meet with the children via Google Classroom to explain the tasks of the day to the children and celebrate some of the previous day's good work.

Throughout the day teachers will be available to give feedback, to mark, and then return children's work, as well as answering any queries from parents via email. Children should contact teachers via Google Classroom.

A Reminder of What We Ask From You:

- Please ensure that your child attends the Google Meeting at the start of the day, is dressed and is equipped for the session.
- If your child is ill, please notify the School Office. We will obviously not expect them to complete work, but would like to know everyone at home is safe and well.
- Please upload or email any work your child completes so that we can provide feedback.
- Please continue to hear your child read, or read to them. KS1 children have received packs of reading books. Should any KS2 child need more reading material please let us know.
- Ensure that your child has daily exercise.

This half-term finishes at the end of the school day on Friday 12th February. We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you all for your enthusiasm, kindness and support during a time which has challenged all members of our school community. Have a wonderful, relaxing and peaceful holiday, and we look forward to the start of term on Monday 22nd February.

Mr Atkins, Miss Dove, and all the Staff at Kidmore End.