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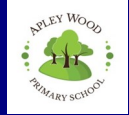
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Headteacher Message

We had an unusual start to the week with the snow closure, thank you to the parents of critical worker/vulnerable children for your understanding about the situation. I hope everyone had chance to get out and enjoy some snow fun!

We know that that it is difficult for children to maintain the level of concentration and motivation needed for home learning and are proud of them for having a try at lessons at home. Keep a look out for Miss Cassidy's PE challenges, these are great for taking an active break and Well being Wednesday starts next week, to help break up the week.

The live lesson trials have been brilliant again this week. These will be continuing at least once per week and the class teachers will inform you of when and which lessons this will take place for.

Online safety

Please remember that children should only be accessing chat, messages and invitations from school staff and nobody else.

For live lessons:

In order to ensure the online safety of our children in this live scenario, please ensure your child follows the code of conduct below:

- **Cameras.** We would like the children to have their cameras turned on for the beginning of each session. It is important for the children to be able to see their peers.
- **Microphone.** Please turn the microphone off so that background noise from the home can't be heard. It can be turned on if your child wishes to answer or ask a question.
- **Clothing.** Pupils need to be in appropriate clothing during the live lessons.
- **Location.** Parents need to take responsibility as to the location of where the live lessons take place. We recommend that children do not attend these from their bedroom but, if your child is attending any live lesson from their bedroom, then they should keep their bedroom door open. Backgrounds can be blurred if you wish to do this.

Recording - lives lessons will now be recorded. The staff will tell you when recording is starting so that cameras can be switched off if you wish to.



I've seen some fantastic work this week and headteacher's awards go to:

Talliyah E, Luke W, Lucas P, Joseph M, Oscar L, Sara G,
Logan B, Ameila E, Benjamin F, Joseph P, Bobby B, Georgia H,
Rashidah W, Finlay C, Jack M, Ruby T.

Look out for your certificates in the post if you are learning from home.

Thank you again for all your support and understanding in these very challenging times. We are responding to feedback we receive and are continually reviewing our current on site provision and our remote learning offer. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the online survey on the website for us.

I wish you all a happy and safe weekend.

Mrs Ellen Smith - Headteacher

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school



Help For Home Learning

Here are some useful tips and resources that we hope will support you while you are supporting your child's home learning.

- Try and stick to a daily routine - bed times, getting up and meal times.
- Establish your rules and routines and try to stick to them.
- Give your child plenty of rest breaks - they don't need to be staring at a screen all day.
- Don't worry if your child can't get through all of the work. The guidance is 3 hours a day for KS1 and 4 hours a day for KS2.
- Spend some time outside, playing games, cooking and other fun activities.

Remember the teachers and school are here to help.

Thank you for all of your support. You are doing a great job! Please remember that all anyone can do is try their best!

The following links may be useful in promoting positive mental health.



<https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/tips-for-everyday-living/online-mental-health>

<https://www.parentkind.org.uk/For-Parents/Parent-Hub/Supporting-Learning://ww>

Parentkind
Bringing together home & school

<https://www.annafreud.org/parents-and-carers/>

Anna Freud Learning Network email: youthwellbeing@annafreud.org.



<https://youtu.be/nCrjev3-Js-> You're never too young to talk mental health

We Challenge You To PE

Miss Cassidy is setting PE Challenges everyday for children to complete in school and at home. This week she has challenged the children to complete a Fitness Circuit, a Throwing & Catching challenge and Balance & Travel with props.

They are being put on Twitter each morning and also will be shared via TEAMS online learning by each class teacher for children to compete at home.

Each session and write up are on posted on Twitter, so do take a look. It is so important for our minds and bodies to stay active and healthy whilst being at home.



January's
Value of the
Month is...

Resilience

- the ability to
bounce back
quickly from
difficulties.

Reading at Home

There are various ways in which the children can still be reading whilst learning from home. Take a look at the following links for more information and help.

Oxford Owl - access to online books (<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>)

Books for Topics - book lists for ideas for reading can be found at:
(<https://www.booksfortopics.com/topics>)

Storytime Online - where children can select their age range and use QR codes to take them to stories being read on YouTube by famous authors:
(<https://www.booksfortopics.com/storytime-online>)

Visit www.arbookfind.co.uk to search for suitable books and to check their ZPD.

To quiz, the children simply need to log in to: <https://ukhosted56.renlearn.co.uk/2253114/Public/RPM/Login/Login.aspx?srcID=s>





Bonjour Key Stage 2!

To support our amazing French learners during this time, teachers will be setting fun Speaking and Listening activities for the children. These interactive lessons will enable all Years 3 to 6 children to develop their vocabulary skills linked to the topics planned this term. We hope parents enjoy learning along the way and we encourage parents to send in videos so that we can celebrate all the French achievements at home. Merci et bonne chance!

Mrs Parrish



Wellbeing Wednesday

You may have already seen the emailed letter sent this week. On Wednesday afternoons we will not be setting any remote learning lessons but will be asking the children to spend some time doing activities such as cooking, playing a game, playing outside, or going for a walk. This will not need to be returned on teams but if you want to send us a photo for the newsletter we would love to see them.



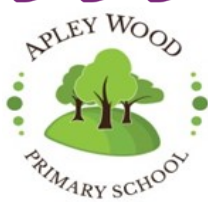
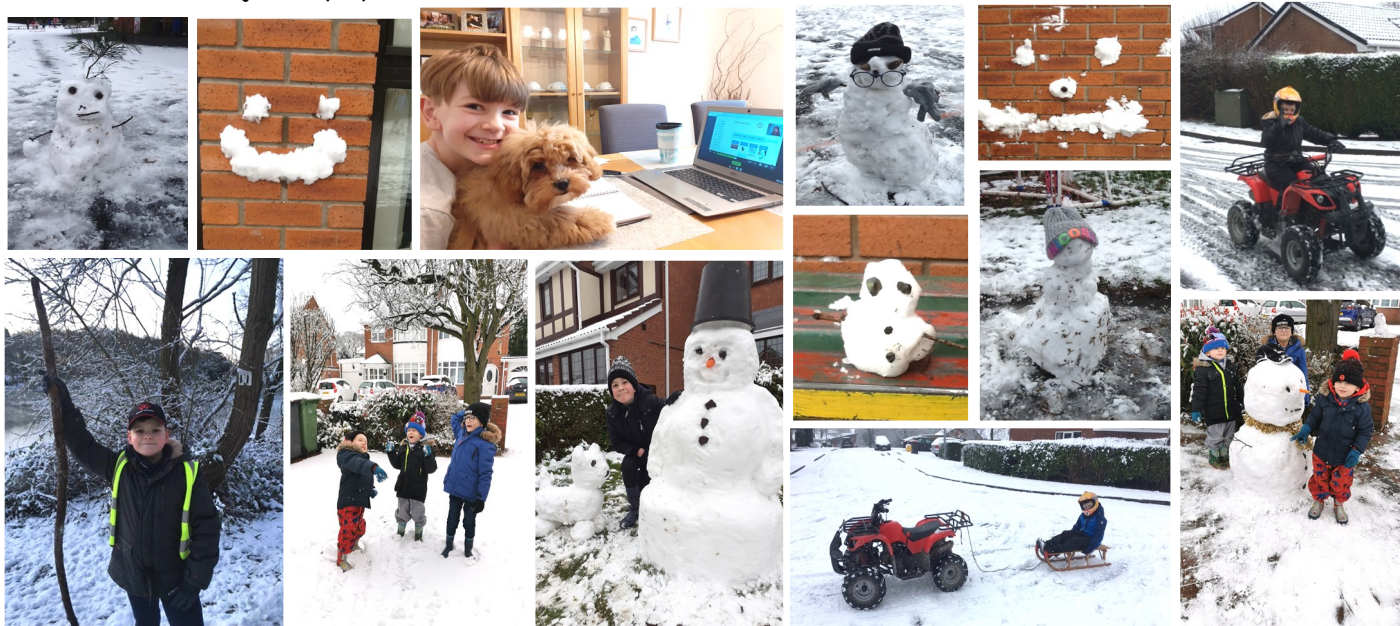
In other news our Parent Consultations, which were due to be held week beginning 10th February, are being postponed until later in the term. Staff will continue their courtesy/catch up calls home during lockdown and are available via email and teams chat.

Meanwhile please do not hesitate to contact school if you have any questions or concerns or need any help or support. You can contact us via the school email address a2190@taw.org.uk or call us on 01952 386180 and the office will be open daily from 8.30am to 3.30pm. **Thank you.**



Frosty Fun

A good covering of snow last weekend made for lots of outdoor fun and snowman building earlier this week. Thank you for the lovely photos from **Ollie** and **Jack** (with their little brother) and pictures from **Oscar** and **Daniel** having lots of snowy fun too. The school playground had a makeover too with lots of snowmen popping up here and there to join in play.



Lunchtime Supervisors Award



Congratulations to the following children who have received a Lunchtime Supervisor Award this week.

**Lily L, Lola C, Jeevan T,
Manelle A, Jasmeet S, Ashton St.**

This week's children have been nominated by our wonderful lunchtime team, and some of the class teachers, for some great reasons such as always being kind and helpful, being polite and well mannered, listening and following instructions well, and being mature and sensible when talking to the Lunchtime Supervisors.

Well done to everyone who received an award this week!



TT Rock Stars Winners

This week's top 3 users for each year group are:

Year 1: Daniel P, Gabrielle U, Jacob M

Year 2: Jenna M, Madison S, Lilah R

Year 3: Alfie I, Sasha H, Alyssa H

Year 4: Ruby H, Joshua S, Andrea D

Year 5: Douglas M, Eric T, Dulcie R

Year 6: Zara H, Pamela O, Robert D

Fabulous effort everyone. Keep up the good work!

Generous Donations

We wanted to say a great big thank you to the families that have donated devices to school. We have received laptops from outside of school from a **Mrs Butler** from Apley and also **Mr Mike Berridge** from Leegomery. Such a wonderful gesture of support for their local Primary school and it was very much appreciated.

If you, or someone you know, has a tablet, laptop or other device that you would like to donate to school, they can be dropped off at the school office which will be open from 8.30am to 3.30pm daily. These devices will make a big difference to any child who is home-schooling and does not have access to a device at home. **Thank you!**

TEAMs Do's and Don'ts

We are so proud of how hard you are all working at home during these difficult times. We can't wait to see you all again soon but for now here are some top tips on how to use TEAMs sensibly and safely.



-Only use Teams Chat to send a message to school staff.

-Check for comments sent to you by your teacher.

-Give yourself time to have regular screen breaks. This includes getting some fresh air.

-Let adults in your household know when you will need access to the computer.

-Behave online as you would in a classroom.

-Always remember to interact respectfully and sensibly.



-Don't open any messages or invitations from anyone who is not a member of school staff.

-Don't use Teams Chat to send messages to your friends- it should only be used as an online learning tool and not a social media site.



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1 - 7 FEBRUARY 2021

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