## The Mundella News





Term 3 Week 3

January 2021

### Dear Parents, Carers and friends of Mundella,

Well, what a weird few weeks it has been.

The start of term was no less frenetic than it normally is but, on this occasion, it was dealing with the ever changing guidance from the government that was keeping us on our toes; rather than the usual return of pupils after their exciting Christmas break.

Certainly, life at Mundella Primary School looks and feels very different at the moment however, the sense of commitment to one another still dominates our working days and is also reflected in your ongoing support and kind words of encouragement. Support and encouragement is also coming, in the form of telephone calls, from our teachers to their pupils.

As part of our strategy for helping with home learning, teachers are making calls up to two or three times a week. These calls are intended to be Learning Checks such that teachers can talk to your children and ask about what work they are doing and how they are getting on with it.

Pupils whom are engaging with the online content; or, in gratefully few cases, the printed work packs, should be able to say which lessons they are doing and what sort of learning and activities they have been working upon.

This communication is key for the teachers to support learning and address any areas of difficulty but also to give an indication of how the classes are getting on with the volume and challenge of the work such that they can plan appropriate activities for next term.

Next term; should we find ourselves in a similar position, instead of following the content from the Oak Academy, pupils will be following video lessons that are being planned, produced and provided by our fantastic teaching team; what they don't know about recording videos with OBS isn't worth knowing.

Calls from teachers may be used to check welfare and wellbeing but we ask that, should you have a specific enquiry or notification that is not directly linked to learning, please call the school office for support about issues beyond the tasks that children are being asked to do at home.

Thank you, as always, for your continued help and support during this most testing of times. Because you are maintaining most pupils at home and only those without alternative are attending school, we are able to keep our staff and those few pupils in class as safe as we possibly can.

#### Mr Westmorland

# **DIARY**

## **January**

**04.01.21** National Lockdown Thank you for keeping the need for school places to a minimum.

We will keep you informed if there are any changes to the current situation. Keep checking Facebook etc.

Term 4 might start on the **22**<sup>nd</sup> **February**; all things being normal.

The school gate will continue to open at 8:30.

Be aware of new arrangements for Y5 and Y6 micro-bubbles (more info WWW)

## **Everybody is Amazing!**

It would be interesting to have your home schooling statistics.

Please feel free to share anecdotes, stories, tips and tricks on our Facebook Page.

We recognise the challenges of maintaining learning at home and applaud your commitment to keeping your children in good routines and on top of their learning.

# **Shout Outs of the Wee**



**Year R** - Amelia for your super maths work Hana for taking amazing photos.



**Year 1 - Stefan, Miss Edwards loved the photos of your** fantastic work.



**Year 2 -** Well done Gulliver for your super vocabulary use on the Great Fire of London



Liam for demonstrating great resilience with learning.



Year 3 - Tayo for showing great focus and being helpful on the playground.



**Year 4** - Emmy for your brilliant learning effort Aleksandra for your very hard work.



Year 5 - Jack, well done for your continued spelling efforts Jacob for going above and beyond with your learning.



Year 6 - Freddie and Riley, well done for really pushing yourself with your home learning.



