

THE MICHAEL SYDDALL C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Noels Court, Mowbray Road, Catterick Village, Richmond, DL10 7LB
Telephone: 01748 818485
Email: admin@michael-syddall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Friday 8th January 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Lockdown #3 – Weekly update 1

Firstly, can we just take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your patience and understanding this week while we make sure our home learning systems are up and running. We have been incredibly impressed with the work children have been doing and their engagement with what teachers have been setting. Please keep an eye out for links to Youtube videos and on our Facebook page. If you have any issues logging on to Seesaw, please contact the school office.



Reading Books

This week, we have been working to set up a system where children can be provided with school reading books relevant to their age and stage as they would have done if they were in school. So...

- Each day, books will be placed at the front of school in plastic wallets with children's names on.
- The day you can come and collect your child's book will depend on surnames (see below)
- These days will remain the same for collecting and handing books back in. For example, if your surname is Bloggs, your allocated day is a Monday. You can come to school and collect your child's named bag and, after the first week, place the bag they have had at home in the returns box for quarantine purposes. So, your child will have a bag at home with books in, to be returned next week, and a bag at school getting ready for you to pick up the following week.
- Collection/drop-off days – Monday – **surname A to E**

Tuesday – **surname F to K**

Wednesday – **surname L to Q**

Thursday – **surname R to Z**



- Your first bag will also have some other goodies in it, such as an exercise book, to hopefully help keep the home learning work in one place.
- There will be hand sanitiser at the collection/drop-off station which must be used when collecting books.

Headteacher: Mrs A McHarg

Deputy Headteacher: Mr N Saunders

'Learning Is The Key To The Future'

THE MICHAEL SYDDALL C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



Noels Court, Mowbray Road, Catterick Village, Richmond, DL10 7LB

Telephone: 01748 818485

Email: admin@michael-syddall.n-yorks.sch.uk

Times Table Rockstars 'Battle of the Bands'

Each week, children in the key stage 2 classes (years 3 to 6) will be able to take part in a times tables battle against the other key stage 2 classes. Answering times table questions scores points for their 'band' (class). Each week, the battle will start at 12pm on a Friday and end at 12pm the following Thursday. We will announce winners once each battle is over.

Other info...

Next week, we are aiming to provide a few more of the 'usual' elements of a school week too. Things like assemblies, certificates and other challenges will all be communicated through class teachers, Seesaw or Tapestry (for Foundation Stage) as well as via text, email and the Facebook page. Please keep an eye out for new and different things.

We are also launching some of our own Youtube videos which will only be accessible via links you are sent. Some staff have started doing this to support home learning. We will be making Drumba tracks available for children (and any other family member!) to access and do at home...the more the merrier! Keep an eye out for these soon!

Please continue to make contact with your child's class teacher through Seesaw or Tapestry – we are really proud of all that people have done and we want to ensure that education is disrupted as little as possible during this time.

More updates next week! Please remember to come and collect reading books on your daily walks.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs McHarg

Mr Saunders

Head Teacher

Deputy Head Teacher

Headteacher: Mrs A McHarg

Deputy Headteacher: Mr N Saunders

'Learning Is The Key To The Future'