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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Lockdown #3 – Weekly update 2

In this update, you will find reminders and further information relating to things we would like to make you aware of during this time.

Reading Books

Please remember, reading books are available to be collected from the front of school. If you have collected a reading book this week, you can return it in its plastic packet on your allocated day next week and collect another in the same way.

- 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**



- There will be hand sanitiser at the collection/drop-off station which must be used when collecting books.

Times Table Rockstars 'Battle of the Bands'

Well done to everyone who took part in this week's TTRS Battle. See the results below...

1	Year 6	5,601
2	Year 3	1,451
3	Year 4/4C	1,412
4	Year 4/4S	794
5	Year 5	297

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Congratulations to Year 6 who ran away with the battle this week. Another one has already started so get involved! The 'most valuable players' (highest scorers) in each class are below...

Year 3 – 1st Connor 2nd George 3rd Thomas

Year 4S – 1st Oscar D 2nd Harry 3rd Jasper

Year 4C – 1st Charlie 2nd Grace 3rd Kate

Year 5 – 1st Lexie 2nd Leon 3rd Ethan

★ Year 6 – 1st – James 2nd – Harry 3rd – Trinity



Overall MVP
James (Yr 6)

Certificates for the top 3 scorers in each class are in children's reading packs ready to collect next week.

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.



Online Safety Advice during lockdown

With children spending more time on the internet during lockdown, the NSPCC and Net Aware have put together some top tips and advice for making sure children are safe online.

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/online-safety-lockdown/>

Extra layers in school

As part of our risk assessment to keep everyone in school safe, we are keeping all areas of school well ventilated. Obviously, in June, this is fine. January...not so much! We would like to encourage children to wear an extra layer, either a t-shirt or under armour/'skin' type layer under their uniform to keep them warm. It's easier to take off a layer than to be cold!

Parents and masks

We would like to encourage parents to wear masks at drop-off and collection or at any time when on school site. We appreciate we are in an open, outside space but it simply is to reduce the chances of anything being passed on even in the outdoor environment. This also forms part of our on-going risk assessment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Youtube - Drumba and collective worship

Hopefully, this week, you have seen some of our Youtube Drumba tracks and collective worships. These will remain accessible via the links that class teachers send and will be added to as lockdown progresses. We'd



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like to encourage parents and other family members to use the Drumba tracks. The aim was always to provide this as an adult class but obviously, current restrictions mean this isn't possible. To save any more wooden spoons being broken(!), you can buy branded Drumba sticks at <https://www.rockleymusic.co.uk/shop/>

Seesaw

We have had some difficulties with Seesaw this week which has meant staff have been unable to add tasks through the 'activities' tab and have had to use the journal instead. We have sought to solve this problem and hopefully, early next week, this will be rectified. If you have any issues with Seesaw (or Tapestry for Foundation Stage) please contact your child's class teacher or the school office and we will endeavour to sort the problem. Please remember, we are all getting used to a very different way of working and are working as hard as we can.

Ultimate Warrior

Keep an eye out next week for our ULTIMATE WARRIOR challenge. This is another fun set of activities to take part in, against the clock, to see if you can become our Ultimate Warrior! This is also a competition against other schools so GET TRAINING!

Other info...

Please make contact with your child's class teacher through Seesaw or Tapestry – we continue to be really impressed with all that people have done. Please remember that the best you can do is the best you can do. 😊

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

Thank you for your continued support

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