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# Headteacher's Newsletter

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## Thank you!!

The start of the year was tough for us all. Thank you so much for your support and patience as we aim to strike the right balance between remote learning and supporting those families whose children have to be in school.

### Bubbles Closures

Most of you will be aware that we have had to close two bubbles this week as we have had two confirmed Covid-19 cases (EYFS & Y1). These are precautionary procedures in line with the LA contact tracing guidelines. We can confirm that these cases were not related to each other. I would like to thank all the families who have been affected for your prompt action and support during this time.

### Remote Learning

Thank you for all your support with the remote learning. The national guidance is quite different from the March 2020 guidance in as much as the level of expectation for learning from home is now much higher. This has placed an extra burden on teachers who are trying to teach both in school and remotely. However, we are also acutely aware of the increased expectation on you to support the home learning. We are so impressed with the children's engagement with the home learning, thank you. Please see some examples on the next page.

### Food Vouchers

This week we have joined the Edenred food voucher scheme just like we did in the first lockdown. All children who entitled to a free school meal (not the universal free school meals for infants) and not in school should receive a e-code by email which entitles children to a £15 voucher weekly whilst not in school.

If any families feel that they may be entitled to a FSM voucher as your circumstances have changed you can apply at

<https://www.stockport.gov.uk/start/free-school-meals-application-form>

### Live Sessions

We are continually trying to develop our home learning offer for you. Therefore this week we launched our live check in sessions on a Monday and check out sessions on a Friday. This is a great chance for the children at home and at school to meet up and it also really supports their wellbeing.

We are also currently trialing live lessons too for our children at home. Year 5 had a go this week and it was really successful, Year 6 will launch their lessons next week. We plan to offer some form of live lessons to classes Y2-Y6 over the next couple of weeks and a live story time for our younger children. The aim of this is to support you at home. If you are not able to make a session we will record the session for you to view at a more convenient time. However we need your consent for this therefore will be sending out a Google Form for you to sign on Monday. Please bear with us regarding this as this is all new to us too!

### Laptops & Data

This week we have took delivery of some laptops from the DFE. These are for children who may not be able to access a device at home for their remote learning to loan from school. If you are waiting for one, we are just getting all of the safety features needed then they will be ready to go.

### General Reminders:

#### Wrap around care bookings

If you require a place in our breakfast and after school club please make sure that you have booked a place in advance as places are limited! Places need to be booked by Thursday to secure a place for the following week. You can make block bookings.

#### Outwood's Twitter Page

Please look at our Twitter feed and class pages of our website to see what exciting events are happening. You'll find us at <https://twitter.com/outwoodprisich> or @OutwoodPriSch

#### Healthy Snacks

For those children in school, children in KS1 and Reception do not need to bring in a snack for break time as they have free fruit provided for them. However if they wish to they can bring in a healthy snack. Children in KS2 are welcome to bring a snack to school for morning break too. Please could this be a healthy snack, not sweets, crisps, biscuits etc.

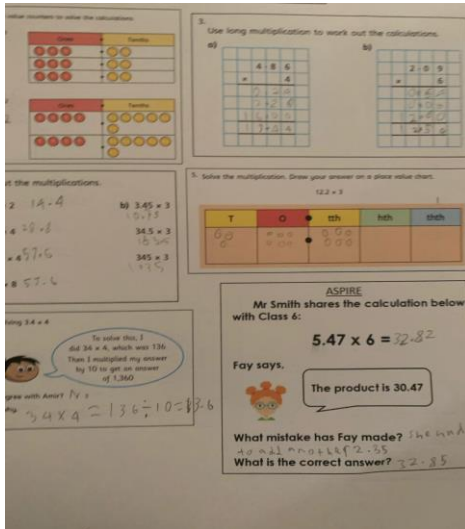
Also please make sure that all children bring a full water bottle in to school everyday.

Just some amazing home learning...

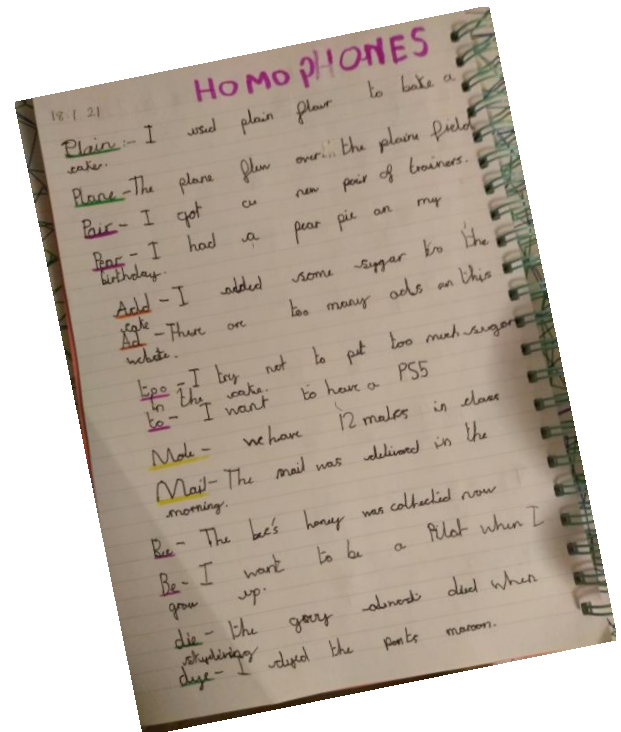
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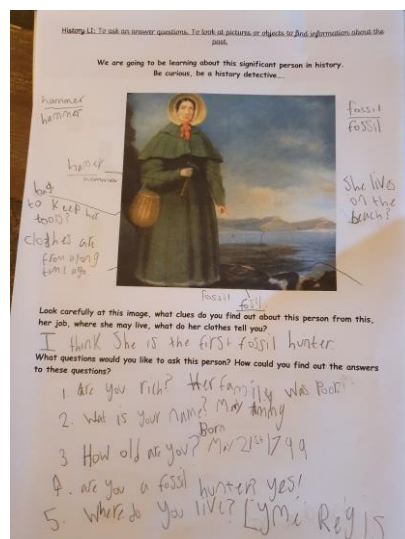
Esme Walker – Year 5



Dylan Betts – Year 6



Rafay Maqbool – Year 5



Lucy Cosgriff – Year 2