

Friday 14th May 2021 - Newsletter 27

A message from Miss Towler...

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely week we have had in school. The children have had great fun in their learning and enjoyed some relaxation time during our Mental Health Awareness week. Please see Twitter for some lovely photos of cloud watching and creating things from nature.



As you read this week's newsletter you will see that I have shared the Remote Learning Parent Survey feedback. It is great to see how positively this was viewed and is very much appreciated by all of the team. We hope that those days of home learning are in the dim and distant past and no doubt you do too!

Have a lovely weekend,

Caroline Towler, Headteacher

Our school attendance this week:

Our school attendance target is 97%.

This week's whole school attendance is: **93.83%**

Reception: 97.78% Top team attendance :)

Jupiter: 91.74% Saturn: 93.05% Neptune: 94.85%

*As Government guidance states, your child's attendance is compulsory in school and unless they are unwell or isolating we ask that you ensure they are in school, on time, every day.



EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS

Booking term time holidays

As lock down begins to lift we know that many families will be keen to start considering holidays. As always we ask that you **avoid taking time off during term time**. It is difficult when children miss learning and then try to catch up on their return. We ask that families try to book these in the May holiday or the summer to avoid any further disruption to your child's learning. Many children had from January to March out of school and this lost time has inevitably impacted on learning so booking further time out of school will not support children in closing these gaps.

Thank you for your support with this.



Twitter at TPA

Please click on the link below to see if your child is appearing on Twitter right now!

[Tadcaster Primary Academy 🌈 \(@TadPrimaryAcad\)](#)

Top tips on Computing from Mr Ramzan our Computing Lead



Learning about Roblox

What is Roblox?

You can either use Roblox to create games or play games that other users have created.

What should I be aware of?

Chat Facility - Players can chat to each other on Roblox. You can add parental controls to turn this feature off completely or add restrictions. Further information can be found here:

<https://corp.roblox.com/parents/>

Game content - as games are created by different users, sometimes the content may not be appropriate for your child.

Blocking users and reporting - ensure your child knows how to do this.

Virtual Currency - Players can buy Robux (their virtual currency) to buy in-game upgrades or accessories. If you do not want your child to purchase them ensure your card details are not saved.

Parental Controls

The game does include some parental controls so ensure appropriate controls are set up.

Further information:

- <https://corp.roblox.com/faq/>
- <https://www.common sense media.org/blog/parents-ultimate-guide-to-roblox-0>



Census Day Taster Menu with a summer strawberry theme

Next Thursday the children in F2 and Key Stage One (Y1/2) will be given the opportunity to try our school meals and can still bring their normal packed lunch along if they would like to. We will presume that all children in these year groups will have a try of the food unless you tell us otherwise. Mrs Bedford and Mrs Varley in

the kitchen will be making hot dog sausage in a bun with sweetcorn and wedges followed by a delicious strawberry trifle with fresh strawberries. Yum!

There will also be a special strawberry themed fact file place mat for children throughout school to enjoy. Don't forget to book your child's meal in advance of the day so that the kitchen team order enough food.

What's Happening this term?



Dates	What's happening?
Friday 28th May - Friday 4th June	Half Term Holidays
Monday 7th June - Friday 11th June	Science Week at TPA! Lots of exciting Science based learning throughout the week to celebrate our Eureka topic!
Friday 9th July	Training Day - Children not in school
Thursday 15th July	Y1/2 Multi skills sports session - with local cluster sports coach (please come in PE kit)
Thursday 15th July	Y5/6 Cricket session - with local cluster sports coach
Friday 23rd July	Break up for summer holidays
Tuesday 7th September	Children return to school

Remote Learning Survey - Parent Feedback



Thank you to all those parents who took the time to complete our remote learning survey. It was useful to gain your feedback and to help us reflect on next steps should we need to support learning at home again. Fingers crossed we won't need to!

21 parents carried out the survey with 14.2% of surveys completed by parents of children in EYFS, 23.8% in Jupiter, 23.8% in Saturn and 38.2% in Neptune. Please see below for some of the main findings:

If your child was in a year group that has been loaned a Chromebook was it helpful to have this loaned?		
Very helpful	Not helpful	My child was in a year group where they weren't lent a Chromebook
57.1% (12)	4.8% (1) * Parent had own device already	38.1% (8)

How easy was it for your child to access the remote learning activities?			
Really easy to follow	Easy to follow	Difficult	Very difficult to follow
57.1% (12)	42.9% (9)	0	0

Was it useful to have a weekly overview of the learning for the week?	
Yes	No
95.2% (20)	4.8% (1)

What did you think of Seesaw (KS1/KS2), Google Classroom (KS2) or Tapestry (EYFS) for communicating with your child's teacher and receiving home learning and feedback? (17 comments)

Positive response	Negative response
82.35% (14)	17.64% (3)
<p>Examples of comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Fantastic and really well organised and straight forward Thank you made life so much easier</i> <i>Absolutely brilliant. So easy to use with the chrome book and my phone</i> <i>Seesaw is great, easy to use and easy to see the teacher's response which was important.</i> 	<p>Examples of comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>I'd prefer to use one method rather than needing to use Google classroom then send things on Seesaw.</i> <i>Seesaw was good for receiving home learning and feedback from the teachers. Seesaw was a little disappointing when it came to communicating with teachers.</i>

Was it easy to communicate with school when you wanted advice or further information?

Yes	No	I did not need to communicate with school during this lockdown
90.5% (19)	0	9.5% (2)

What did you think about the range of learning/ activities offered? e.g. Maths, English, Music, Art, Wellbeing, PE, Creative Curriculum, Purple Book assembly (17 commented)

Positive response	Negative response
100% (17)	0
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>It was good, there was a nice range offered</i> <i>Great to see breadth in coverage of the curriculum and the use of specialist teaching.</i> <i>A good variety of activities. Sometimes felt like too much, but there was never pressure to complete everything, so it was good to have options.</i> <i>The learning activities were a mixture of lessons and well planned. Some were easier than others when it came to following what you had to do.</i> 	

Comparing the home learning that was shared this time to that of March 2020 was there any difference in the offer?

I thought the remote learning was better in the January 2021 lockdown	No difference between the remote learning this time to last	I thought the remote learning offered in March 2020 was better	My child was not at TPA last lockdown
57.1% (12)	9.5% (2)	9.5% (2)	23.8% (5)

Additional comments:

- *The provision of home learning was of an excellent standard, we got into a routine and knew we needed to do set tasks each day. We appreciate the effort put into the home learning provision, the extra work for staff and their commitment to the children not falling behind. I felt very anxious that we were behind after the first lockdown, but didn't feel this after this last one.*
- *My child coped really well and enjoyed the home learning. The art lesson videos were excellent. I don't feel he missed out on anything. Well done!*
- *It was a difficult time but it got easier when we had a routine around it. I was very grateful for it as it gave structure to our days.*
- *Thank you to the TPA team's support, it was very appreciated.*
- *Absolutely love our little school family. Couldn't ask for a better place to send my child.*