

January 15th 2021 Newsletter

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Our focus on the value of **perseverance** this week is certainly timely, as we fight back against the wintery weather and gloomy news stories with screens full of smiling faces for our massed Zoom collective worship, enthusiastic home-learners and school-learners engaged and doing their best, staff (and parents!) dedicated to overcoming technology hurdles of every variety and trying to **focus on the good bits!**

We continue to develop our **remote learning programme** and this week we set up log-ins for all pupils so that they can access **Teams** without requiring an adult email account. Over the course of the next couple of weeks, teachers will be encouraging children to move onto this system as it will provide a better virtual classrooms experience in the longer term. Further information about this will follow in due course. For the next six weeks, staff will be accessing support from the government funded **EdTech Demonstrator Programme**; we've partnered with Danesfield School in Marlow and look forward to some productive meetings to develop our expertise in using Teams for remote learning.

This is a very short half term, so there are a couple of upcoming events to note. Parents with pupils who have **special educational needs** will be offered appointments with teachers to review pupil profile targets and set new ones. These will take place on Teams and generally pupils do not attend. During the last week of term (w/b 8th February), however, **pupils** will be invited to join **parents** for **meetings** with **teachers**; current circumstances mean that these will not follow the usual format and there will be more details about this nearer the time.

Thank you very much for your fantastic support for your children's learning and for all of us here at school; it's been a real tonic to receive so many messages of appreciation!

Warm regards,
Gillian Seymour

Congratulations! Persie passed four belts in kickboxing just before Christmas and is now a green stripe level. Next stage is adult red! Brilliant work Persie!

Worship for Sunday 17th January 2021

11am Family Worship with Revd Kevin. 636 645 195 and passcode 000162 An informal service suitable for all ages with music, prayer, and a story-sermon. **Please do not share the zoom codes on social media. Thank you.**

And finally How do monkeys cook their toast? They stick it under the gorilla!



Marley researching animals that live in Antarctica,



Pictures of the Week

Ellie had a WOW moment when one of her chickens laid a gigantic egg!



Zoe experimenting with non-Newtonian fluids



Kay-Jay making a bridge inspired by the Three Billie Goats Gruff story.