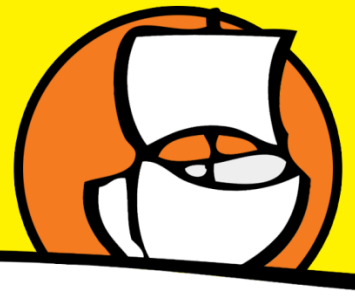


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Tuesday 12th January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have worked hard to develop our [remote learning provision](#) over the past year and are proud of what our team are offering. As always, there may be further tweaks that could be made to best meet the needs of your child. If this is the case, please do **get in touch with me directly** at my email address below so that we can provide the support that you need and plan for any changes to our provision moving forwards. It is always a huge boost for our team to know when things are working well – please do let them know! Well done to all – parents, carers, colleagues and pupils - for the amazing start you have made.

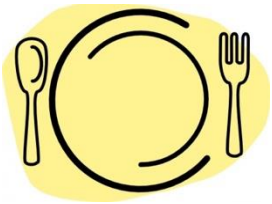


Huge congratulations to **Rebecca Best** and her family as they welcome baby Delilah into the world. The family are all home safe and well and I know that you will join me in wishing them all the very best. We are delighted to be joined by **Bethany Waters** as the new Class 8 teacher whilst Rebecca is away on maternity leave. Bethany has chosen a particularly busy time to join us (!) but is doing an incredible job already.

The impact of the ongoing pandemic upon the **mental health and wellbeing** of us all is huge and it is more important now than ever that we prioritise this for ourselves and for our

children. If you are still adapting to new routines and systems, please do not worry. If you are adjusting your approaches to learning to support wellbeing, you have our full support. We are here to help in any way that we can.

In order to support a mentally healthy community of parents, carers and pupils, we will soon be adding a '**Mental Health Hub**' section to our website. If you have come across any useful wellbeing resources that you feel might benefit others, please do share at my email address below. Our **school coach**, Rachel Perris, will be hosting two **wellbeing forums for parents and carers** next Thursday 21st January at 1pm and 2pm. We will share details of how to join these sessions early next week.



We are still awaiting finalised government guidance around how we can support pupils eligible for means-tested **free school meals**. It now seems more certain that we can provide vouchers which are the most popular route for families. If eligible for this support, you should now have received vouchers through the Wonde platform. We will update you if there are any further changes to this process. Whatever your circumstances, if you are finding it challenging to access food, essential supplies or learning resources, please do **get in touch** so that we can arrange support.

Finally, as you may have seen in the news, the numbers of pupils using keyworker provision in schools across the country are far exceeding those in the first lockdown. Larger numbers at school make it more challenging to mitigate risks and to deliver a smooth-running remote provision. We are here to support critical workers wherever needed but, in keeping with updated government advice, we do ask that you **please support your children at home wherever it is safely possible to do so**. This does not affect our provision for vulnerable pupils. Thank you for your support with this.

Wishing you all a safe and enjoyable week ahead.

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