



# Newsletter 10

## 22nd January 2021

### **PHEW—ANOTHER WEEK DONE!**

We continue to be impressed with all the fantastic work that is being uploaded to Seesaw - you are doing an amazing job of home-schooling! Make sure you all have a break at the weekend - you deserve it.

The children in school are also working really hard and have adapted so well to their new routines and bubbles.

For us in school it has been a very turbulent week. Guidance changes so rapidly it is taking all our energy to make sure we keep up. Today has been a 'quiet' day with only 28 updates, most of which need actions. You may also have heard in the press about the debacle of testing for Cambridgeshire school staff, On Tuesday evening we were all told we could register for tests; Wednesday morning we were told we couldn't! There have been so many u-turns and promises that are not followed through it can sometimes be hard to stay positive.

However, it is the children and our families that make everything we do worthwhile. **Thank you** for the kind messages of support - they are a real boost to the staff and keep us all going.

Some highlights for us this week are:

- ♦ **Vouchers for Free School Meals:** Karen Hibberd, Cook, was providing food hampers (much better than in the media!) but the take-up wasn't great; the government have changed their stance and we are now able to provide vouchers for families to use in local supermarkets. If your circumstances have changed, it is worth checking if you are now entitled to Free School Meals
- ♦ **IT Devices for loan:** we have 5 from the DfE and 4 funded by the Sitwell Trust and these are being allocated to families who are struggling with their current devices
- ♦ **Tea & Talk Zoom:** look out for the Parentmail inviting you to a zoom with Mrs Wicks and Mrs Miles which will be a chance to talk and share your experiences and hopefully, make some new friends.

**We continue to miss you all and we are here if there is anything you think we can help with.**

**Stay safe and well.**

**Team Caldecote**

## **Remote Learning:**

We hope you all received the Remote Learning Offer which sets out all the support we have in place for children who are learning at home.

## **Live support:**

We are really pleased with how the Live Support Q&A has gone this week. It will be available every day for questions about the English and maths work that is set on Seesaw. A few things to note:

- ◆ we are only using the chat function (not video or speaking); teachers are already teaching so this will be monitored alongside the support for children in school
- ◆ Parents or children can use it to ask questions
- ◆ It is there in case you get stuck with the English or maths work or you want to clarify something

## **Seesaw:**

Please remember that, depending on how busy we are in school, you may not get a response on Seesaw for some time. If you have a question for your teacher, please use the Live Support option on Zoom when you will be able to get a quicker response.

### **Parents—please note:**

**You must use a name that school can recognise when signing in to Zooms e.g. family surname or name of child. For safeguarding reasons, we are unable to admit anyone with a name that is unknown to the school. Thanks for your co-operation with this.**

### **LATERAL FLOW TESTS**

**All staff are due to start self-testing twice weekly in the hope that asymptomatic carriers will be identified quickly. We have all the logistics in place but are awaiting our tests!**

**We don't anticipate this will impact children in school unduly and hopefully will ensure that the school environment is virus free.**

### **WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY**

**MONDAY @ 2.00 pm**

**Remember to let us know what you've been doing to Keep Active this week so you can be added to the Weekly Roll of Honour**

**We will send a Zoom link on Monday and hope lots of you can join.**

**There will be Star Awards, AR Certificates and other news.**

**This is for all children who are learning from home who will be joined by those in school.**

**It was lovely to see some of you at home in your uniform - made us feel you were here with us!**

**(Parents of children in school - although you receive the link please remember this isn't for parents to join in)**



*Let's Celebrate .....*

18/01/21

**Star awards: YR- Abigail Dodd  
Y1- Sylvie - Mae Leung  
Y2- Molly Davis  
Y3- George Haste  
Y4- Toby Chisnall Waddy  
Y5- Rory Jones  
Y6- Isabella Painter**

**Well Done Everyone!**

## **Village Hall Pedestrian Gate - off Highfields Road**

**Sorry but we won't be opening this for the time being.  
Ms Snelling suffered a nasty injury as the slide bolt keeps  
sticking.**

**Hopefully it will be fixed soon.**

## [Please read this message from Cambridgeshire County Council](#)

### **Make it a Happier New Year for children and young people in care**

2020 has been a difficult year for us all, but even more so for the children and young people who go in to 2021 without a stable home and loving family. This New Year we are looking for people who are determined, energetic and caring, to become foster carers.

Fostering with Cambridgeshire County or Peterborough City Councils means you are fostering with a local authority that truly cares about you and our children. We offer comprehensive training courses both before and during your fostering adventure with us. We also allocate a social worker who will support you and we also provide a 24/7 helpline so you will never feel alone!

Remember if you are a Cambridgeshire County Council or Peterborough City Council employee and undergoing an assessment as a foster carer for either council, (with agreement from your line manager), you are entitled to additional annual leave of up to 5 days to attend training courses.

So whether you are single, married, retired, working or a full time parent to a birth child YOU CAN FOSTER! Make this a happier New Year for our children and young people. To find out more, call 0800 052 0078, text FOSTERING to 60777, email [fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@cambridgeshire.gov.uk) or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)