



NEWSLETTER

February 2021

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the end of a half term that no-one expected. Can I firstly congratulate all our 'Home Teachers' for holding it together against the odds, juggling home schooling, own work commitments and responsibilities of family life whilst also ensuring that our children have continued to engage with their learning whilst being 'remote' from school. This certainly puts all our parents in to the 'Super hero' category! I would also like to take the opportunity once again to say a huge thank you to the gargantuan efforts of our teachers who are balancing the demands of providing full time education at school whilst ensuring that our children at home receive the same opportunities as the children in the classroom. This entails a great deal of adaptation of lessons, communication strategies and creative thinking! The staff have really appreciated all your notes of appreciation – it certainly keeps everyone going!

It is half term next week so it will be a great opportunity for the children to take a break from their screens! We will not be setting any Home-Learning for the week or for the INSET day on Monday 22nd which I hope will give you the opportunity to have some relaxing, enjoyable time as a family. In-School provision for vulnerable children and the children of key workers together with Remote Education for the rest of our children, will begin again on **Tuesday 23rd February**.

If your child were to test positive for COVID up to Sunday evening, we ask that you email admin@fourlanes-jun.hants.sch.uk. This email account will be checked once on Saturday and once on Sunday so that we can work with you and Public Health England to assist with contact tracing and alert anyone that has been in close proximity with your child. If your child were to test positive after Sunday then please follow the contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Track and Trace.

We do not have any further information about when we can expect schools to open again for all children and so we will continue to await further Government announcements. In the meantime I thought you would be reassured to know that staff have volunteered to take part in the COVID-19 self-test, twice a week when in school. If any member of staff were to test positive, they would have to isolate and follow the procedures as set out by NHS Track and Trace. The test gives us all a little more peace of mind.

Finally I hope you all enjoy some rest and relaxation next week and I look forward to seeing everyone again soon.

Mrs C Martinez, Headteacher

Governor Update

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Body is currently looking for more people to join them in their important work for our school community. Please contact Kathy Bowman, Chair of Governors, via the school office, if you are interested and think you can contribute to our governing body.

Thank you