



*Sowing the Seeds for Success - With God Nothing is Impossible*

## Newsletter

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

We would like to thank everyone for their patience during the full school closure earlier this week caused by the bad weather. Although it was lovely to see some snow, there was rather a lot more than expected and it did cause us some difficulties, particularly because of the low temperatures. We apologise for any inconvenience that these closures may have caused but we are glad that everyone has remained safe and enjoyed seeing that many of you got outside to enjoy the snow.

### Remote Learning

We have been very impressed with the children's engagement with sessions delivered on Microsoft Teams over the last few weeks and would like to thank everyone for their patience whilst we have tried to resolve the different teething problems that we have encountered in implementing the live sessions. I can now confirm that we have found a way to resolve the recording issues that we were having and should therefore now be able to deliver live teaching sessions after half term. These sessions will be recorded and it will be possible for these to be viewed by all pupils at their convenience, if they are unable to participate in the live session.

We have been really pleased with the level of engagement, of most classes, with our remote learning this half term and are seeing more children engaging more fully each week, which is fantastic. We understand that it is not always possible for children to complete all of the work every day and you may not always be able to submit the work on the day it is set but, as long as children are completing as much of the work that they can and sending this to their class teachers regularly, this will reduce gaps in their learning.

### Two Village Art Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered our art competition to celebrate Children's Mental Health Week. I thoroughly enjoyed seeing the wonderful artwork that was produced and certainly did not envy Miss Brunning in her task of judging. I know she found it very difficult but she eventually came up with a set of winners. Congratulations to Jade in Year 1 who came 3<sup>rd</sup>, Maisy in Year 4 who came 2<sup>nd</sup> and Freddie in Year 3 who came 1<sup>st</sup>.





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### Worship

We hope that you have managed to access worship over this half term and it has given your child/children the opportunity to think about and discuss respect. If anyone has anything they would like to share with us, linked to this half-term's worship, there is still time to send it to your class teacher or via email to the school office. I would particularly like to receive some responses to this week's worship about respecting other cultures, in preparation for our whole school display.

### Reading Challenge

Well done to everyone who has managed to read at least 5 times each week this half term. Class reading percentages have remained fairly consistent and we have had some different classes winning this half term, which is really good. Special congratulations to Acorn Class, who joined the Reading Challenge this half term, for increasing their percentage each week. Please see the results below for this half term so far.

Week	Early Years	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
11/1/21	29%	64%	64%	63%	56%	71%	44%
18/1/21	43%	68%	75%	60%	56%	62%	56%
25/1/21	50%	85%	75%	44%	64%	43%	61%
1/2/21	57%	68%	75%	57%	60%	73%	61%

### Upcoming Events

Although we are unlikely to be back together in school at the start of March, we would still like to celebrate two special events when we return next half term – Comic Relief and World Book Day.

I know that the teachers are all planning special book related activities for their classes around World Book Day (**4<sup>th</sup> March**) but we also thought that it would be nice for the children to still get the opportunity to dress up as a book character for the day – we will ensure there are some live sessions on this day so that the children can see one another. Alongside class activities, there will also be the opportunity to hear some staff telling stories throughout the week and there might even be a couple of competitions!

For Comic Relief (**19<sup>th</sup> March**) we may be in school. We will be speaking to the School Council straight after half term to seek their views on what they would like to do.

Reminders about both events will be provided after half term.

### Welfare Calls

As you are aware, we have been making weekly welfare calls to all of our families to ensure that everyone is safe and to see if anyone needs any support with anything. I understand that it may be difficult to answer the phone at times therefore, if a member of staff is unable to reach you on their first attempt, they will phone again and messages will be sent. If you have missed calls and have received messages, please can you ensure that you respond to these as soon as you are able to. If we have not had contact with a family for some time, despite calls, emails and messages being sent, we will need to make a home visit to be sure that everything is ok.

### Contact Tracing

As we are not in school next week, if your child tests positive for Covid 19 within 48 hours of attending school, you must inform us as soon as possible. You should contact the school on **07786 843257** between the hours of **9am and 5pm**. You must provide the following information: name, date of symptoms starting, names of any other children in the school your child has had close contact with that are not in their class.



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## Remote Learning Survey

In order to help us to evaluate the quality of our remote learning offer and identify areas of strength and areas of improvement, we would really appreciate it if we could ask everyone to complete a short survey about your experience of remote learning this half term. Your responses will be really useful in helping us to refine what we are providing after the half term break. It will also help us to identify what is going well. Please see the link to the survey below. Alternatively, I have also posted the link on Dojo. It would be very helpful if you could complete a separate survey for each child that attends Two Village.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=A3gsKI9LvU-jhBaC30fjrZc7-mUSnVpJhCaNyTAWHNIUNENaUDk5WUcySFdURTIWVTUxWEtRN1hPWC4u>

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and patience. I am sure that you are all ready for a break next week, which is very well deserved! Please do remember that, if you need anything or are worried about anything, we are still available via email and on the phone after half term.

Mrs Natasha Bennett  
Headteacher

## Diary Dates 2020-21

Date	Event
W/C Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Half Term
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2021	Children Return to School
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character