



OPANG NEWSLETTER



@OPA_Newstead Friday 29th January 2021

We hope you are well as we pass the halfway point of this very unusual half-term. It's pleasing to see that so many families are engaging with the work we are providing for those pupils learning from home. None of us can claim that this situation is easy, so we thank you for all you are doing to support your child's learning.

Remote Learning & Google Classroom

By now, you should have been fully immersed in the Google Classrooms. Whilst school is closed, the remote education provided includes both recorded or live direct teaching time, and time for pupils to complete tasks and assignments independently. Keep up the brilliant work you are doing; our teachers are really pleased with what's been sent in so far. Any problems, we are here to help, please contact remote learning advice at

remotelearning@newstead.outwood.com

Live touch Points

Remember every day there are 3 live touch points for your child to see their teacher and classmates. These are at 9am, 1pm and 3pm and can be accessed via the Google Classroom.

Celebrate Success

The academy may be closed to most of our pupils but that hasn't stopped us celebrating children's fantastic achievements. Last week saw the introduction of our 'Remote Learner Award' and we hope to continue celebrating all of our pupils successes.

Please share any remote learning achievements on the google classroom or on our twitter page— we would love to see what you've been up to! Celebration assembly is live every **Friday at 10:30am** via your child's Google Classroom page.



Welcome back!

On the 1st February we will be welcoming back Mrs Seels from her maternity leave. Mrs Seels has spent the last year enjoying time with her baby boy and now she is looking forward to returning to teaching Year 2 with Mrs Hunter.

Mental-health

The last year has been extra stressful, especially if you're a parent. As we continue to work through another lockdown, it's normal and entirely understandable if you're feeling overwhelmed frustrated, worried or exhausted about the situation. You might be finding it harder than ever at the moment to know how to best look after your child's mental health and wellbeing, as well as your own. If you're struggling, you are not alone. You can contact school about any concerns or click on the

#supportingparents link

where you can find advice and tips that can really help during this period. Children's Mental Health Week is taking place next week on 1-7 February 2021. This year's theme is 'Express Yourself'.



Local Family Support

Help at the Hub is a new service to help everyone deal with the impact of coronavirus on things like jobs, money and wellbeing. It's free to access for residents in the Wakefield district and puts you in touch with a range of organisations who can help you. Click on the link to find out more information.