



# Newsletter



## Friday 15th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you once again for your continued support this week. Everyone has been adapting well to our new way of working and I have enjoyed joining in with a couple of classes to say hello to our home learners. I just have a few notices this week:

### Critical Worker Children

The teachers and teaching assistants are all working extremely hard to maintain this level of high quality provision - they are planning live lessons as well as offline activities, and responding to and supporting pupils in school as well as at home. The number of pupils in school has been creeping up over the past week and we currently have just under one third of our children here in school each day. While we are extremely happy to be able to accommodate pupils who need to be in school, we are aware that not all pupils of critical worker parents need to be in school every day. The Government guidance states that if critical workers can keep their children at home then they should - please do this if at all possible so that we can minimise the numbers in school as much as possible.

### Home Learning

For those children working from home can I please ask that you check that your child is suitably dressed for on-line learning - we have had a small number of pupils who have not been appropriately dressed. Also please consider other family members in your house and be aware that they can sometimes be heard over the classroom link!

**Please also remember to let us know if a pupil tests positive for covid, or if you are isolating as a family because a family member has tested positive, even if they are not attending school. Schools are required to report this information to the DfE.**

### PTA

It was a real pleasure to join this week's PTA meeting. The committee members are trying really hard to maintain the momentum of fund raising for the school at a time when we cannot do all the things we usually do. They have asked me to remind you about Easy Fundraising and Amazon Smile (links below) - these are two very straightforward ways in which you can raise money for school when you do your online shopping (which we're doing a lot more of at the moment!).

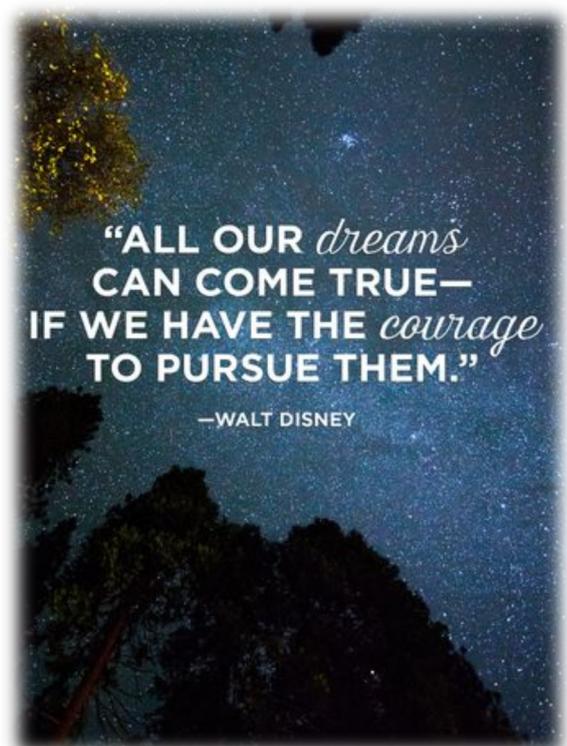
[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mdspta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=cpl](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/mdspta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=cpl)

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1166749-0>

**Latest 100 Club Winners... Well done!**



- No 69 - Julie Walsh (£35)**
- No 8 - Lesley Edwards (£25)**
- No 20 - Emily Richens (£14)**



Have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards, Marianne Ray