

# OLD FLETTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Weekly update - Wednesday 6th January 2021

## Happy New Year!

Although 2021 has not offered us the smoothest and best possible start, I wish you all a happy new year and hope as the year progresses increasing amounts of normality will resume.

## National Lockdown

The Prime Minister's announcement so late on Monday evening was not ideal for anyone, I can only imagine the stress and anxiety that it has caused so many families. For clarity, school is closed to all pupils with the exception of critical workers and vulnerable pupils. However, we are "open" for learning to all children and there is an expectation of full engagement during this time unlike the first lockdown.

I am so proud of all the staff at Old Fletton who enabled learning to be fully accessible from 9am the day after the announcement. We did not take the offer of an extra day's closure to organise things. Every single member of staff could not have worked harder to make this possible and I would like to formally acknowledge my gratitude and thanks for all their efforts. We are incredibly determined to make the learning experience at home as much in keeping with that being offered in school. Years 2-6 are delivering live lessons which is far more beneficial, interactive and effective than what we could offer during the first lockdown. Please, please bear with us as of course there will be technical blips and hiccups along the way as we all find our way through this new learning experience.

Protocols have to be followed for online learning, children will be taught how to use mute and raise their hands so that everyone can access fairly the learning that is being offered. You will be contacted if your child demonstrates behaviours that are disrupting the learning of others, just as we would at school. Please do not film or photograph any of the lessons to respect the privacy of everyone, I certainly wouldn't want my piano lessons to be filmed!

To support you with learning at home we are preparing your child's books, knowledge organisers and resources that they will need to access the classroom delivery, we aim to have these ready by Friday and will notify you of a collection time to pick up these resources. We are also providing a member of support staff allocated to each year group who will be making regular phone calls and check ups to offer support and guidance where they can. They will be a contact point for messages to and from the teacher as they are busy delivering lessons and cannot contact you at home directly. More details of who this will be will follow together with the timetable for collection of resources.

## Mathletics

We had our usual weekly staff meeting last night which involved a training session on the use of the online platform Mathletics. This will be followed up next week. Mr Pike is working extremely hard in the background so that this can be used as part of live learning lessons and additional catch up practice similar to that of Lexia. Mathletics will be available to all pupils from Reception to Year 6.