

NEWSLETTER



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Wow! What a term it has been. It seems a long time ago now when we had all children back for that one day. It really has been incredible to see how well all our families have adapted to the new way of learning we were very quickly thrust into. Everyone in school has been so proud of the children, and some of the learning that has been going on at home has blown them away. It is wonderful to see staff excitedly bringing me learning that has been uploaded and wanting to share it with other staff. By uploading your home learning, it also means staff can adapt their lessons accordingly after assessing where the classes strengths and weaknesses are. Although there are still strict rules and guidance in place for us to follow, please do find time over the next week to take break, have fun and enjoy yourselves, it is certainly deserved!

Devices

After trouble shooting, googling, and you tubing it seems that everyone has now got to grips with Teams and Tapestry on the devices that you own. Thanks to kindness within the community, we have been able to donate 15 laptops and loan 3 ipads and 2 kindles to families within school to help the process easier. If you are having any issues with devices, please contact us straight after half term so we can assist you.

Support

Although not all your children are in school, we are still here to support you. If you are having any problems whether that be motivating your children, advice on how to explain a certain concept or even if you just want to talk to us or want one of us to have a chat with your child please, please, please contact us. There are a range of ways in which we can support you and your child but can only do this if you let us know you need support.

Reading

Reading is the bedrock of a child's education. It is because of this we saw it as being so important to get systems in place such as **Readingeggs** to provide your child with a constant source of reading materials and tasks, please do remember your children have access to this and encourage them to use it as often as possible. We have also been incredibly lucky to secure a donation from BGL. As well, as purchasing I.T equipment to help with remote learning, we saw it as vital to purchase a quality book for every child in school. A specific text has been chosen for each year group, which your children's teachers will be able to talk about with them after half term.



I.C.T

We have seen over last term what an important part technology plays, and will increasingly play, in our lives. It is because of this at Edenham we are committed to ensuring your children are confident with using technology in a range of ways. With funds raised at Christmas, we have been able to purchase a 3D printer, Lego Mindstorms and a range of Lego kits. Children in school have been experimenting with these already, and we can't wait to have all our children back so they can begin to expand their knowledge and confidence.

We have also been kindly donated funds by Tesco. With this, we have been able to upgrade our internet in school, meaning less issues when large numbers of children are logged on in school and we will also be able install a new screen into our small groups room making interventions more engaging.

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Forest School

As you know, Forest School and learning outdoors is a huge part of life at Edenham. Thanks to a very kind parent and Gary's Gardens we have received a large amount of wood chip. In the rain and cold Mr Pasqualino, Mrs Roberts, Miss Glover and Miss Jarvis had great fun shoveling and wheel barrowing to cover parts of our Forest School area ensuring it can continue to be used despite the large amounts of rain and snow. If you do know of anyone who can donate wood chip, we are still looking to cover further areas of our school grounds so please do get in touch.

Zoom

Having regular Zoom calls has been great for children and teachers to stay in contact with one another, providing learning and wellbeing opportunities. Please can we remind you how important it is that when children log on they engage in the activities, it can be distracting for other children and teachers when children are coming and going from their devices, constantly changing back grounds or pulling interesting faces after realising they can see themselves. We have been really impressed with regularity of children logging onto these sessions, so a huge thank you to in supporting your children with this.

Thank you

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you. Firstly to you in supporting you children in engaging with the remote learning, and to the children in doing so. A huge thank you to our teachers also who have been tirelessly, recording, re-recording, adapting, editing and uploading teaching children in school and at home at the same time. Our T.A's have all done a fantastic job supporting children and teachers in school, allowing things to run smoothly, and last but certainly not least our office and site staff who have been troubleshooting and assisting with all kinds of needs to keep things going. Finally, to the local community for your well wishes and support, it is all great appreciated.

**Thank
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