

Keeping in Touch – 22nd January 2021

Dear all,

I hope that this newsletter finds you and your household safe and well.

I know a number of families in our community have been personally affected by Covid in different ways over the past few weeks. Our thoughts go out to you all, as it is a particularly scary and difficult place to find yourself in. We will always do everything that we can in school to support you, so please reach out and ask us for help. And we appreciate in amongst everything else, you remembering to keep us informed about any tests being taken by children and the results of these, and any children who have been identified as a close contact and have to isolate for 10 days. We have to submit data to the DfE on a daily basis sharing this information for our school community.

Many thanks to those of you who have taken the time already to complete our short on-line questionnaire about our current remote learning offer. If you have yet to do this, you will find it by following this link:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=iC8pSSNzXUy-ony9UUbbMa_wp9T53H9KrUTkoc20A_xURF0xUVVVKV0taR0YwOFJLRzg2MDY2Tk5ENC4u

We are keen to gather your opinions as we evaluate our home learning provision, and we hope to be able to improve what we can offer. We will be looking at the responses at the beginning of next week, so if you would like your thoughts considered please make sure you have submitted your responses by then. I can make no promises that we will be able to deliver everything asked for – having looked at the data collected already, as many people think there is too much work set as think there is too little set! But we will do our best.

On the second page you will find the information about this term's Inter-House Activity, devised and run by Miss Mortimer. You can also find details at https://www.keevil.wilts.sch.uk/website/term_3_inter-house_activity_20202021/535585. It is a chance for your child to show their creativity and earn housepoints for their house, whilst also hopefully having fun. Many thanks to Miss Mortimer for her hard work in setting this up.

For the creative and artistic among you, Grace Dalgleish, who runs our very successful art club in school, has suggested that you look at <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/> We have registered the school with the Royal Academy so if your child would like to take part and submit some work to the exhibition you should be able to do this at home. But if you experience any problems, do let us know.

We do understand how challenging this time is for everyone in so many different ways. We would love for every child to do every bit of work that is set for them, but we understand that people's different circumstances at home may not always make this possible. All we want is for you to do your best, nothing more. If you are finding things particularly tricky or home is becoming a battleground about work, please don't suffer in silence. Get in touch with us in school, your child's class teacher is the best person to start with, and we will help in any way we can. However, there is no excuse for children to be doing any piece of work not to the standard that they would in the classroom – they will know what this is! But you can always ask their teacher if you feel they are not being entirely honest about what this looks like...

I hope you all have a lovely and restful weekend.

Best wishes,
Lindsey Hermon

TERM 3

Inter house Activity

This term for our inter house activity there is a theme of 'Under the Sea'.

Within this you are free to go down a path of your choice depending on your interests and strengths. You could:

- do a drawing or sketch
- produce a piece of art work 2D or 3D
- write a poem
- write a story
- create an information piece
- a research project
- write a song
- produce a film
- something else of your choice



You have until the end of term 3 to send your entries in and see how many house points you can earn as a team. Each entry will receive 5 house points. You can check back to the house point page on the website to see how the houses are doing and to see work from other children.

Send your entries to em@Keevil.wilts.sch.uk

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