



NEWS FLASH

Friday 5th February 2021

REMOTE LEARNING

External monitoring: As you may be aware, every term we have an external consultant who visits school to monitor our learning and teaching, providing the teaching team with vital feedback about strengths and next steps. We are continuing this during these challenging times so our consultant will be visiting us virtually on Wednesday & Thursday next week. This means that Mrs Freeman (consultant) or a member of the school's extended leadership team may be in your child's Google Meet; they will have their video off to avoid distracting the children from their learning.

Behaviour: It is brilliant to see the amount and quality of learning the children are managing to achieve at home. Unfortunately, there have been a few cases of children being disrespectful using the Google chat facility in assemblies and a few live lessons. Please can we ask you to remind your children that the rules we have at school remain during their online time at home. We record every Google Meet and from Monday, we will be following the behaviour ladder as we would normally do in school. This may mean that you receive a call from your child's class teacher or a senior leader or Mrs O'Brien informing you of your child's behaviour and next steps.

Fire drill: In the event that we have a planned or unplanned fire drill during a Google Meet, the teacher leading the session will calmly ask your child to leave the Google Meet, as the children in the classroom will evacuate the building. As long as it is safe to be back in the building, the Google Meet will resume approximately 5 minutes later.

INSET DAY POSTPONED

As you will remember, in the Autumn term we set a new INSET day of Monday 8th March. However, it does not seem right to keep this date when we are anticipating that this could be the first day children return to school after lockdown. We have cancelled 8th March as an INSET day and once a new date has been set, we will inform you.

INFORMATION FROM SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL

Breaches of lockdown guidance: "Parents and Carers are reminded that National Lockdown rules apply (*National lockdown: Stay at Home - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)*) and our Headteacher colleagues along with all of us, have a duty to keep their school community safe.



If there are serious concerns that parents, carers or families are witnessed to be breaking these rules, there may be a duty to report this using Surrey Police reporting mechanism ([Breach of coronavirus \(Covid-19\) measures | Surrey Police](#)). We are all in this together and we thank you for your understanding".



MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

In assemblies this week, Mrs O'Brien has been focusing on the children's mental health. She has shared various ways for the children to look after their own mental health and finished today's assembly with a video of staff showing what they do to help their mental health (which has also been placed in the Stream section on Google Classroom for you to enjoy 😊). Here are some useful links to support you to support your child's mental health:

[Health and Wellbeing Guide for Parents & Carers v2 January 2021](#)

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/>

[Health Apps You Can Trust – January 2021](#)

CREATIVE PLAY

Keeping kids entertained during lockdown

Find ideas to help children get creative and fire up their imaginations while they're at home.

[Keeping Kids Entertained During Lockdown | Save the Children UK](#)



Save the Children



SOCIALLY-DISTANCED BOARD GAMES FOR CHILDREN

During the first wave of Covid-19, a university student from Warwick adapted some traditional board games (such as Snakes & Ladders, Connect Four, Battleships, etc.) to play with her grandma, who lives alone in Wales and was struggling with the isolation during lockdown. She really enjoyed playing them and said they gave her something to look forward to in the week.

This inspired her to find a way to make these games accessible to other people in a similar situation, by designing a website called Quick Quarantine Games (www.quickquarantinegames.com). The games are ideal for children to play with each other during lockdown, or with other relatives who they aren't able to see in person because of the Covid restrictions. All the games are completely free to download and print out, can be played over the phone (with or without a video camera) and come with instructions provided on how to play without being able to see each other.

THE ROCK & POP FOUNDATION

Unfortunately Rock & Pop are unable to start any new face-face instrumental classes until at least April 2021, due to government restrictions and lockdown 3,

They have therefore rolled out a national digital programme of popular music learning for students wishing to learn Guitar, Drums and Keyboards.

This can be found at

www.scampsmusic.co.uk.

The digital platform has been priced at just £5 per week paid monthly in advance and parents/carers can cancel at any time.

Ideally suited for complete beginners or intermediate players, their pre-grade accredited programme harnesses the unique syllabus used for over 25 years by more than 60,000 children with support videos and backing tracks, which parents/carers can log in any time to suit their remote learning needs and timetable.

They still remain committed to supporting Trinity college, Rockscool and ABRSM as a national examination centre and hope children and parents/carers within our school benefit from this programme.

New for 2021!

The Rock & Pop Foundation presents
SCAMPS Digital Online Music

Three great online remote learning packages for
Guitar Drum and Keyboard Lessons



Only £19.99 A Month!

- Digital Copy Of Book 1 & 2
- Detailed Support Videos
- Unlimited Access



MUSIC NEWS

During lockdown and especially with this week being Children's Mental Health Week, there is a focus on 'expressing ourselves'.

Music is a wonderful way to grow good feelings in our minds and so if you haven't already got involved here are the music groups on offer.

Monday morning: Year 5 music
Monday afternoon: Year 2 music

Tuesday morning: Year 3 music
Tuesday afternoon: Year 1 music and then advanced recorder club (Year 4 and above)

Wednesday morning: Year 4 music
Wednesday afternoon: Year 6 music

Thursday morning: Reception music
followed by beginner recorder club (Year 3)
and theory of music club at 4pm with Jasmine Ravenhill

As well as this our wonderful peripatetic teachers are continuing to teach flute, clarinet, brass, violin, guitar, drums and piano. If you would like any further information about this please contact Carolyn Baynes at: cbaynes@worplesdon.surrey.sch.uk

Holiday Club 2021



via Zoom & YouTube

Tuesday 16th - Friday 19th
February
10am & 4pm



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