

Welcome to 2021!

I hope everyone had a rest over the Christmas period and ready for a new year. It hasn't exactly started how we all dreamed it would but as always I have been overwhelmed by the support from the community, the dedication from the staff and the sheer brilliance of the children and how they can adapt to challenging changes.

Rules for Zoom teaching

Teachers have been exceptionally pleased with the number of children that have accessed the live Zoom links this week; it is a really useful tool to enable children to see their teacher and their friends. So that it continues to run as smoothly as possible, please can you ensure your child:

- Remain on mute unless the teacher has asked them to unmute themselves.
- Make sure children are not annotating/ mark making on the shared screen (this seems a particular issue where children are accessing the session on a touch screen device, such as an iPad).
- Use the 'Chat' appropriately and only when asked to by a teacher to share their response.
- Joins the session at the start time.



As a staff we have been amazed at how well children have adapted to online learning and we would like to thank all home schooling parents that have supported their children this week.

Have a restful weekend, hopefully away from screen time!?!

Thank you to those of you who completed an online Google Form about your experience of home learning last term. While this is the last way we want to teach our children, we are striving to offer the best possible education to children at school and children at home. With your feedback, it will help us to make the experience as positive as we can for everyone.

You said	We did
<i>It was difficult to manage zooms of children in different year groups</i>	We now record each zoom lesson and make it available for when best for you to access
<i>Starting at 9am didn't work with transition to school</i>	Where possible we have delayed the start to help parents get ready
<i>Only having PDF documents meant we couldn't edit anything</i>	We now ask teachers to not use PDFs and where unavoidable, the provide another sheet to write
<i>Behaviour at home is difficult to manage</i>	We remind children each day and continue to
<i>Motivation in getting work completed has</i>	We are introducing Weekly Achievers assembly to

We will be sending out another form soon to see how we can improve further.