



Griffithstown Primary School / Ysgol Gynradd Griffithstown

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Dear Families,

Thank you for your support over the last few weeks. It has been wonderful seeing the children in school and making good progress. The 'circuit break' poses many challenges over the next two weeks, but I look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 2nd November.

Cashless Payments

All payments to school including lunch money and After School Club fees are paid via the cashless system. There are busy times when payments are overlooked but I would urge you to check your credit on the system at regular intervals. This would reduce the amount of valuable time it takes staff to make calls to chase up debts.

INSET

Please be reminded that school is closed to pupils, on these days.

11.12.20

22.1.21

28.6.21

29.6.21

19.7.21

20.7.21

Blended Learning

Blended learning is an unavoidable reality as year groups must close when a positive Covid case is identified. The teachers have worked hard to develop packs of work to be completed should their class be told to self-isolate for 14 days. Thank you to staff, pupils and parents for working hard to maintain learning in Y5 and Y6 over recent days. If you have access to electronic devices, I would ask all parents to ensure you can access Microsoft TEAMS. In an event of your child's year group self-isolating, please make sure you access Hwb and communicate with teaching staff to limit the disruption to your child's learning.

Online Learning Support

Reading - MyOn

We have invested a considerable amount into an online reading resource for Year 2 to Year 6. You have log-in details and we would urge you to make daily use of the website, in addition to listening to your child enjoy their school book. A concerted effort over the half term break would be appreciated.

Maths – TT Rockstars

TT Rockstars enables your child to develop knowledge of multiplication and division in an engaging way. It is aimed at certain year groups and you have the log-in details for your child. Encourage your child to access this resource – little and often.

FOGS

Our FOGS team have worked hard raising fund over the years. Of course fund raising opportunities are limited at the moment but hopefully events will resume at some point in 2021. However, I would like to thank the FOGS team for making a generous donation of £2150 to school to enable us to purchase new books as part of our reading initiative.

YouTube Channel

We have developed a channel to provide a sense of community to the school community during this time while we are isolated in bubbles. At the moment the content may be limited to celebration assemblies but in time, we hope to upload teacher-made clips that support learning. Go to YouTube and type Griffithstown Primary. Enjoy.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

If you haven't received a text or you have not been able to book an appointment online, please contact the office to arrange a time to talk to your class teacher.

Have a lovely half term and see you on Monday 2nd November.

Stay safe.

Nick Blackburn
Head Teacher