



Wookey Weekly News

Friday 29th January 2021



As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health week again this year.



Our decision was made before the latest announcement that lockdown will continue until at least the beginning of March, but this news has only served to reinforce the need for us to consider not just the children's mental health but that of everyone associated with Wookey School.

I am hopeful that next week will be an enjoyable week for us all, and that the work the teachers have put in to produce a slightly different timetable will be fully appreciated. We are extremely grateful and fully understand the demands that remote learning is placing on our parents and, whilst next week is most definitely not a week off, I hope it will come as a bit of a breather for everyone!

For my part, I will be hosting multiplayer games of 'Skribbl', which is a game where the competitors try to guess objects that are being drawn by their friends. We have tried it as a staff group and it was great fun! Whilst the teachers have planned lots of activities next week that are not screen based we are of course aware that devices are fun, and if used responsibly can have a positive impact on our mental health. I will be hosting games of 'Skribbl' on Friday morning next week and I will share details of how to take part, should the children wish to, via Seesaw.

Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly will be taking place on Zoom at 9:15am on Monday 1st February. You have been sent the joining link as a Seesaw message. The children who took part in the assembly last week really enjoyed the 'scavenger hunt' challenges that we gave them and it was great to see their responses on the zoom call. We have some more interactive fun planned for next week so we hope to see lots of you on Monday.

Upcoming INSET

School will be closed to all children on Friday 12th February for a planned INSET day. The teachers will be taking part in safeguarding training so they will not be available on Seesaw during the day.

Half term

We received the following information from the Department for Education this week relating to arrangements for half term.

"Schools will close as usual over February half-term and are not expected to remain open to vulnerable children and the children of critical workers during that week."

We will therefore be closed to all children from Thursday 11th February and we will reopen to vulnerable children and children of critical workers on Monday 22nd February.

We will be providing food vouchers for the half term break to families who qualify for benefits related free school meals. These vouchers will be issued next week.

Safeguarding is everybody's business.

If you are worried about a child or young person who could be in danger, please contact:

Children's Social Care on 0300 123 2224
or by email at childrens@somerset.gov.uk

or the contact the police directly by dialling 101 and they will discuss with Children's Social Care.

In an emergency always contact the police by dialling 999.