

Hawksworth Wood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

1st February 2021

A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

You may have heard the latest Government announcement about schools starting to re-open from 8th March 2021. We will let parents/carers know as soon as we have any further information regarding this.

Can I just say a huge well done to our children and parents who are managing the challenge of home learning. We have over 90% of our children on Seesaw and completing the tasks being set by our teaching staff - keep it up! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you need support on teacher@hwood.org.uk. In the subject, please state which teacher you require help from.

We would like to get our parents/carers views and thoughts about home learning, as your feedback is incredibly valuable to us. Please complete our quick survey if your child is accessing home learning. Click on the link to access the survey [HERE](#).

Thank you once again for your continued support and stay safe!

Eleanore Pickard
Headteacher

Support with Home Learning:

If you require any support with home learning resources i.e. devices, WIFI, stationery (paper/pens/pencils), Library/story books etc, please do contact school so we can try support you and your child during this period.

Just a reminder: If you are with 'Three, Smarty, Virgin Mobile, EE, Tesco Mobile, Sky Mobile or O2 and would like more data, please email office@hwood.org.uk with the accounts holders name, mobile number and network. We can apply on your behalf through the 'Get help with Tech' initiative.

Supermarket Vouchers for Free School Meal Children

The Government have announced that vouchers will be provided for children entitled to means tested free school meals whilst we are in lockdown, which presently is up to week ending March 5th 2021 and includes the half term holiday. Vouchers are not provided for the days your child attends school. Everyone eligible should now have received vouchers to cover up to the week ending Friday 29/1/2. We will be placing orders next week to cover the 4 week period in February. Please check your email (in box and junk folder) and choose the supermarket voucher of your choice and redeem your voucher. If you have more than 1 eligible child, the vouchers will be amalgamated and will be emailed to you against only one name.

Lockdown lunches and meal plans

Change4Life have created recipes and shopping lists for families which can be used to create lunches for around £15 each week. Please click on the link to access the information:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/recipes/lunch/cheap-lockdown-lunch-ideas>

Parent Zoom Virtual Coffee Morning

We will be holding our first Parent Zoom Coffee Morning this Thursday, 4th February at 10.30am. This is just one of the ways we want to keep in touch with our school community during lockdown. Join us for an online coffee and chat.

Please email office@hwood.org.uk so we can send you a zoom invite to the event. We hope you can join us!

February Half Term Break – 15th to 19th February 2021

School will be closed for Key Worker and Vulnerable children during the February half term break and will re-open to these children on Monday 22nd February 2021.



Monday 1st February is the start of Children's Mental Health Week.

Whilst we often focus on supporting our children's wellbeing and mental health, never before has this been so important.

Across school this week, teachers are planning a range of supportive activities for our pupils as part of our online learning.

We understand that talking about mental wellbeing with your child can be tricky. To help, we've attached some links of useful websites which offer a range of support for parents and children.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

<https://www.mindmate.org.uk/im-a-parent-or-carer/>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/>