

Hawksworth Wood Primary School

NEWSLETTER

9th February 2021

A note from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and carers,

Snow, Snow and NOT much Snow!! We are really relieved that we didn't get as much snow as anticipated over the last few days and therefore did not have to subsequently close school, but it's always good to be prepared. I'm sure we have not seen the last of it for this year either, let's wait and see!

We know how challenging this year has been for parents and families. We've been so pleased with the response to Seesaw and how well the children have been doing. As we approach the end of this half term, I just wanted to say **THANK YOU** to everyone in our school community for pulling together and getting through this very difficult time. We could not have done it without everyone's commitment and support.

School will be closed for Key Worker and Vulnerable children next week for the half term break and will re-open to these children on Monday 22nd February 2021. I hope you all can enjoy some well-deserved time out. Take care.

Many thanks.

Eleanore Pickard
Headteacher

Parent Zoom Virtual Coffee Morning – Friday 12th February 2021

Due to the success and encouraging feedback of our last Zoom Virtual Coffee Morning, we will be holding another session this Friday 12th February at 11.00am. If you would like to 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!**

Covid Help Line:

It is very important to notify school if a POSITIVE COVID result is received over the half term break. Please use our dedicated email covidhelpline@hwood.org.uk to notify us as soon as a positive test result is received. Thank you for your continued co-operation.

Covid Lateral Flow Testing for Staff

We are continuing to do all we can to ensure everyone's safety at school and we wanted to share with you that all our staff now carry out twice weekly Covid Lateral Flow tests at home, and report their results to both school and the NHS Test and Trace service. This way, we can ensure that any members of staff that are Asymptomatic can be quickly identified and the correct isolation period followed to stop the spread of the virus.

World Book Day – Thursday 4th March 2021

It is World Book day on Thursday 4th March 2021 and it is our intention to still celebrate this day in some way. We will let you know in the next couple of weeks what we have planned, so watch this space!

Supermarket Vouchers for Free School Meal Children

The Government supermarket voucher scheme is closing at the end of this week and it has been confirmed that the scheme will not be providing vouchers for the half term week. Orders were placed last week to cover the two weeks up to Friday 12/2/21. The ordering system will re-open after the half term holiday and vouchers will be ordered the first week back to cover up to the week ending Friday 5/3/21.

The good news is that we have applied to the Winter Grant Fund and, therefore, we are able to order vouchers to cover the half term holiday. The vouchers will be for £15 per child entitled to means tested free school meals. These vouchers will be issued through WONDE and you should be familiar with that system as we have used it in the past. We will be placing this order before the end of the week. Please check your email (inbox and junk folder) 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 child's name.