



### **REWARDING GREAT WORK**

Well done to all pupils that have continued their learning, both at home and at school as some year groups have started to return. The teachers have been really impressed with the work that has been sent in by email and have been encouraged by the stories of learning success.



As you know, we usually have a good behaviour reward scheme, with bronze, silver and gold certificates and a book to take home and keep. With pupils still studying at home, we have decided to arrange a temporary reward scheme, in partnership with White Rose Books in Thirsk. We hope that the scheme is a way to recognise the efforts of your child while helping them to enjoy a great book. You can reward your child for their efforts in recent months or you can use it as an incentive for some super work in the weeks ahead. When you decide that the time is right, please contact the book shop to arrange delivery of a book to your home. The staff at the bookshop are keen to help you with your choice. Please find below the key information:

- Each pupil can receive one book to the value of £8, funded by school. Postage will be paid for by school.
- If the book that you would like is more expensive than £8, you are able to supplement the school offer if you would like to.
- The reward scheme is available until the end of the summer term (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July). Only one order can be placed per pupil.
- A code will be needed when you order the book, and this will be shared with you by text message.
- You can place an order by phone - 01845 524353 - or you can visit the website:

[www.whiterosebooks.com](http://www.whiterosebooks.com)

Well done, everyone, and keep up the good work! We hope that you enjoy choosing a book. It would be great to celebrate your achievements on the school blog. Please do send in a photo with your new read if you would like to.

### **RETURNING TO SCHOOL**

Pupils that have returned this week have done so very sensibly and have followed guidance on distancing really carefully. Following a successful start, we plan to continue arrangements for pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to attend on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday each week. Nursery provision will continue to be available on mornings on these days. If your child is eligible for a school place and you would like to review their provision, please contact me.

At the moment, plans for further reopening of other primary school year groups has not been finalised by government. We will be in touch as soon as we can if there is an update and when we have reviewed options for school level provision.

### **BOOK BAGS**

Thank you for following the guidance sent home last week detailing arrangements in school. Please note that your child should not bring their purple book bag to school at the moment.

### **SCHOOL READING BOOKS**

We are pleased to let you know that we are now able to send home reading books on a weekly basis. We will reintroduce this aspect of school provision gradually to ensure that it is as safe as possible. Each Thursday your child will bring home a book in a plastic wallet provided by school. You can keep the book at home as long as you need to. You can return the book at any time, although books will only be sent home on Thursdays. Younger pupils that complete a book quickly could enjoy the book again, build greater familiarity with it and growing in confidence as they do so. Please note that the plastic wallets and book covers will be wiped clean when they are brought in to make this as safe as possible. If your child is based at home and would like to access the system, please contact the school office to arrange a book collection.

### **SUN CREAM**

When sunny weather is forecast, please send your child to school with sun cream already applied. We are spending quite a bit of time outdoors at the moment, so please ensure that they are dressed for the weather too.

## **SCOUTS**

The Scouts continue to offer some brilliant opportunities for young people locally. They are holding regular Zoom meetings on Monday evenings at 6pm for young people aged 10 – 13 years and are keen to grow the troop. Even at this time there's lots to get involved in, including a collection of online challenges:

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/activities/?setting=At%20home>

Please find attached a copy of their May newsletter, detailing some of the challenges, activities and opportunities, including the chance to take part in a weekend sailing trip. You can also watch videos of previous activities in 2019 and earlier this year.

<https://youtu.be/2oW-F0kvYkl>

[https://youtu.be/QrpC\\_gQQzI4](https://youtu.be/QrpC_gQQzI4)

If you would like to find out more, please contact the leaders detailed in the newsletter.

## **UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS FROM THE DfE**

The DfE has updated their guidance on what parents and carers need to know about schools and other education settings during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include information on the curriculum, after school activities, repeating a year for pupils, transport and keeping children safe online. They have also amended information on whether it is compulsory to send pupils to educational settings and education for children at home. The guidance can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

Although school is not yet fully open, we are keen to support all pupils and families as much as we can. If there's anything that we can do to help, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With best wishes,



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