

# West Melton Primary Newsletter

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## Week 2 of Lockdown

On the evening of Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January, we had further changes sent from the DFE. FS1 pupils can now access school provision. I did contact parents about this last weekend but if you have missed this message and need this – please let school know. We currently have all our class bubbles open to vulnerable and those with Critical worker parents. There have been some changes due to staff illness and staff shielding, but all bubbles have an allocated teacher and support staff who are working as a team to ensure learning in school and set for home is as consistent as possible.

### Year EYFS Bubble Learning



The EYFS children had fun in the snow on Thursday before we closed early. They said the snow felt soft, cold and crunchy and enjoyed making a snowman, dressing him in an apron and calling him an artist.

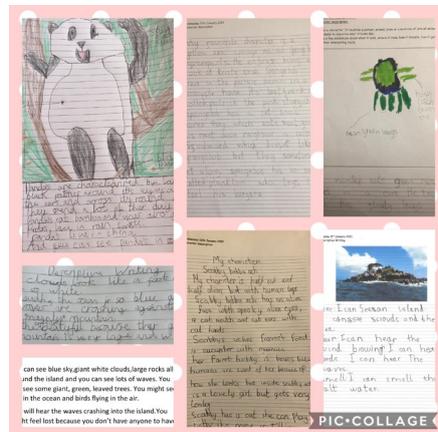
### Year 1/2 Bubble



We have seen some great home learning photos this week - many science experiments with the snow this week. We are proud of the engagement from home from parents and children- well done everyone.

### Year 3/4 Bubble

Class Y3/4 have been busy applying their writing skills effectively to produce some well-presented pieces of descriptive writing this week. Well done everyone. It is great to see that you are still taking pride in your presentation too.



**Snow closures:** Thank you to you all for your patience, understanding with our snow closures last week. Although we do like to try and stay open for the children, with limited staff and not being able to join bubbles this was hard to do. The staff had quite a long and treacherous journey home on Thursday afternoon due to sudden change in weather and the roads on Friday were too dangerous to drive on. We hope you all stayed safe and warm!

### School learner of the Week



EYFS <b>Charlie</b>
Y1/2 <b>Poppi</b>
Y3/4 <b>Arron</b>
Y4/5 <b>Korben</b>
Y6 <b>Rosie</b>
<b>Headteacher Award</b>
FS1 <b>Abel</b>

A huge shout out to our school staff team who are have been flexible and have adapted to new arrangements regularly despite only being back 2 weeks.

### Home Learner of the Week

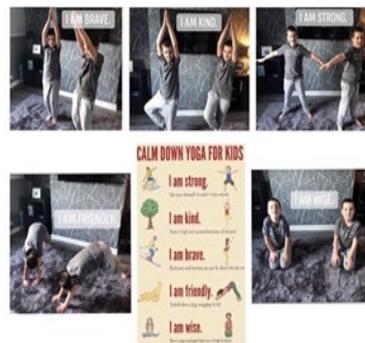
EYFS- <b>Amy</b>
Y/2 <b>Ostin</b>
Y3/4 <b>Anya</b>
Y4/5 <b>Katelyn</b>
Y6: <b>All the class</b> for the 100% attendance on the live learning.

Thank you to parents for your support at home too. Please see our new online expectation document and other guidance – such as 'how to upload work onto Google classroom' that can be found on our website.

## Year 4/5 Bubble



This week our Y4/5 bubble have been practising efficient methods of multiplication. We used counter to make arrays to represent our working out. We have had some great home learning photos of different learning opportunities from creative writing to Yoga P.E lessons. Well done everyone.



## Y6 Bubble

**Live Learning!**

This week in year 6, we have taken the leap into live video learning. The children have adapted to this new way of learning brilliantly and should be very proud of themselves!

It should also be mentioned that we have had two days of full class attendance which I'm exceptionally happy with! Keep up the hard work, everyone!

Thank You

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## FSM arrangements

As from Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> we will be providing a weekly food hamper from RMBC's Catering Service and arranged by our on-site kitchen staff for all children who are entitled to Free School Meals and are learning at home. These can be collected from school at 12pm each Tuesday onwards. These are not to be confused with the food parcels that Aldi have provided to help any families who need them. There will be a menu of meals and the food to make these provided each week.



Unfortunately, there has been some negative press about some hampers that have been sent out to families from other schools. If you do have any issues with anything, please let us know at school so that we can rectify and review options. Our kitchen staff have provided a great service to our children throughout all lockdown periods and we want to ensure that meals are of good quality for our children.

## Attendance

### Attendance/Home learning expectations

Although our focus on school attendance has been changed because of the lockdown situation, there is still the expectation for our children to access the same hours/curriculum learning areas at home, as they would if they attended school. These are the new expectations for all schools too. This work is set each day on dojo/google classroom and is marked, monitored and assessed by the teachers too. We realise that there are challenges with home learning, but please let us know so that we can support you with these. Thank you for your fantastic support with this so far.

CLASS	Mon 4th	Lockdown attendance
EYFS-Valarie Thomas	9/20	47.36%
Y1/2-Alf Proysen	9/20	47.36%
Y3/4 – Steven Butler	10/29	43%
Y4/5 Lara Williamson	9/28	32.14%
Y6 Philip Pulman	6/18	33.3%

Don't forget to check the school website and media pages for any updates and supportive resources. Take care, stay safe, keep in touch and keep posting on Dojo!

*Mrs Norris*