

Rydon Primary

Newsletter

8th January 2021

Dear Parents

This is exactly the start to the new year that we did not want!

However, we all have to pull together and make the best of things, and that is exactly what we have been doing this week. At very short notice, we now have the remote learning in place and the class TEAMS sessions will commence on Monday. I would like to pay tribute to the staff for the way that they have all pulled together, yet again, to make this all happen. Plaudits also for the vast majority of our children as the engagement this week has been phenomenal!

With very best wishes to you all



Microsoft TEAMS Meetings

The Microsoft Teams sessions will start for all classes on **Monday 11th January**. The timetable for these meetings has been sent to all parents and can be found on the school website. Please make sure that your child attends each one. They will be a great way to keep the children in touch with each other and with their class teacher, and support them with their remote learning.



Support with Technology

We are very aware of the strain that is placed on families by the home learning and the issues that are caused by a lack of adequate technology. If you do not have a tablet or laptop to access the home learning or Microsoft Teams sessions, please contact us and we will provide one.

In addition to this, please contact us if you have any other IT issues and we will try to help. You can call the Education South West IT team on [01626 366969](tel:01626366969) and select OPTION 9

Increase your Data Allowance

During this lockdown parents can increase their data allowance to help with the demands of remote learning by completing a form on this link;

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=FvE2DOJBMU2g1mma5GJwmlcQlgKlitzJn6_lp_R2telUM0tHNExHNFJVUEQ5OENOWDEwVjNPS0w2ViQIQCNOPWcu

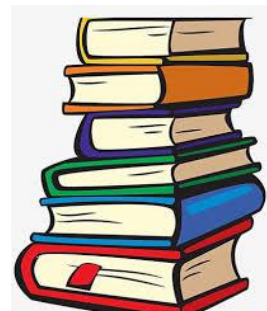
Reading Book/ Equipment Exchanges

If you need reading books or any equipment to help with home learning please come along between **10am and 11am on Tuesday** and **10am and 11am on Thursday**.

Please can we ask parents to stick to these times and maintain appropriate social distancing.

Read! Read! Read!

Now, more than ever, please read with your child and promote the importance of reading. This will definitely help them once they return to school. There are also loads of authors reading their books on the internet, so it doesn't always have to be you! You can download a range of a pack of reading resources and activities based on Julia Donaldson's popular books here; <https://resource-bank.scholastic.co.uk/content/FREE-Julia-Donaldson-and-Axel-Scheffler-Home-Learning-Packs-40114>



Physical and Mental Wellbeing

Joe Wicks is restarting his fitness sessions and we also have our own fitness guru who works across our ESW schools. Mr Sullivan will be leading wellbeing and fitness sessions for all ESW children at 1-30pm on Friday afternoons. Links will be posted on Seesaw/Tapestry each week to allow you to join.

The BBC has developed some new resources to support mental wellbeing;

<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/curation/stayhappy-home>
<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/moment-of-relaxation?collection=coping-with-change>
<https://www.bbc.com/ownit/take-control/cope-with-change-uncertainty?collection=coping-with-change>

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