



## DEAR PARENTS/CARERS

It has been fantastic to have all the children back in school, hopefully signalling the start of a return to normality. The children have settled extremely quickly into the routines and expectations of school life and the positivity they have shown has been amazing.

Thank you for doing such a great job in supporting your child's home learning during lockdown. We are using these first few weeks to assess where the children are at, so we can plan for their progression over the remainder of the school year.

To support our curriculum recovery programme, we will be utilising tutors from the National Tutoring Programme (NTP) implementing the Nuffield Early Language Intervention (NELI) and continuing our work with Partners in Excellence (PiXL).

It has been very encouraging to receive so many messages of support during a period that was extremely stressful for all of us, let's hope for a brighter future.

### Book Donations

Thank you to everyone who donated books their children have 'grown out of'. Combined with donations from the Acorn Charity and our £10,000 investment, we have been able to restock reading corners, class libraries, the school library and extend our range of phonetically decodable texts across KS1. In addition, Mrs Quill has set up a very attractive author display of Julia Donaldson and Roald Dahl. The children are very fortunate to be surrounded by such a book rich environment.

Please feel free to donate any further books your children have 'grown out of' by depositing them in the box outside the steps to the Wentworth office entrance. We will ensure they are given a new lease of life.

Thank you to everyone who participated in World Book Day last Thursday. It was great to see so many children both at home and at school participating in this worthwhile event. Thank you to Mrs Turner and the teaching staff for providing such an enjoyable range of activities during the week.

### VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENINGS

You will have received an email informing you of our virtual open evenings on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30pm-6.30pm. Booking goes live at 7.00pm Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March. This will give you an opportunity to check how well your child/ren have settled back into school.

### RED ROOSTER PROJECT

With the easing of lockdown, under the current guidance, we are allowed to welcome peripatetic teachers back into school. It was great to welcome our violin teachers back into school from the Red Rooster Project at the Mick Jagger Centre to continue teaching the violin to our Year 4 children.

### Lockdown Memories

Thank you to everyone who made contributions to our 'Lockdown Memories' celebrations, expertly edited by Mrs Turner and available to view on our website via [Wentworthonline.co.uk/lockdown-memories](http://Wentworthonline.co.uk/lockdown-memories). This provides an extremely poignant reflection of this period in our recent history.

### Redundant Laptops

We were overwhelmed by the support of our local community in donating redundant laptops and tablets to the school. We were able to have these checked by our IT providers before giving them to some of our children who lacked home devices.

With many companies vacating business premises and transitioning to home working, we would greatly appreciate any further donations that we could utilise in supporting our children. If your company is disposing of any equipment that you feel would be suitable, please notify the office, it would be gratefully received.

### Red Nose Day - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March

We will be supporting Red Nose Day by inviting the children to attend school dressed in red. Details of how donations can be made via ParentPay will be forwarded separately by the office next week.

## Harry Steer

You may remember from a previous newsletter that Harry was undertaking a bike ride to raise money for the NHS. Harry completed his ride during lockdown and raised over £1000. Well done Harry, we are very proud of you!

### WELLBEING COURSES

As you may be aware there has been a lot in the media about children's wellbeing on returning to school and in turn how this may impact our own wellbeing. We are pleased to offer the following zoom course;

Thoughts, Feelings & Behaviours (CBT) 16th, 23rd & 30th March 9.30-11.30am

Introduce learners to the basic principles of Thoughts, Feelings & Behaviours

Understand how TFBs and linked to CBT (Cognitive Behaviour Therapy)

Understand how situation triggers influence our TFBs

Understand the "Negative Cycle" and "Positive Cycle"

Discuss ways to challenge our thoughts to interrupt the Negative Cycle and create Positive ones.

To book a place please

email [pamela.hill@wentworthonline.co.uk](mailto:pamela.hill@wentworthonline.co.uk) and quote your name, contact number and child's name

P Langridge  
Headteacher

### REMINDER OF COVID PRECAUTIONS

Although transmission rates have dropped, the virus has not gone away, so please re-familiarise yourself with all the COVID precautions. I would also like to thank everyone who follows our request wear a face covering whilst on the school site.



May I remind you that your child(ren) must not come to school and should self-isolate in the following circumstances;

- You have any symptoms of coronavirus (a high temperature, a new, continuous cough or a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste)
- You have tested positive for coronavirus - this means you have coronavirus
- Someone you live with has symptoms or tested positive
- Someone in your support bubble has symptoms and you have been in close contact with them since their symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started
- Someone in your support bubble tested positive and you've been in close contact with them since they had the test or in the 48 hours before their test
- You have been told you have been in contact with someone who tested positive - find out what to do if you're told to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace or the NHS COVID-19 app
- You arrive in the UK from a country with a high coronavirus risk - see GOV.UK: how to self-isolate when you travel to the UK