



DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



"Working together as a community to enable all our children to develop as responsible citizens."

The end of another week where things continue to be very different to what we are used to! All of the staff hope that everyone is staying safe and keeping well. We all look forward to welcoming everyone back into school and seeing everyone's smiley faces – we miss them all so much! Until then – continue to follow Government guidance and keep you and your family safe.

Home Reading Resource

In school Early Years and Key Stage One follow the Read, Write, Inc Phonics programme. There are now a selection of their books, which follows our school's scheme, available to download. Oxford Reading Owl are also offering the same during this time for Key Stage Two. Attached is more information on how to do this to ensure your child is getting access to different reading texts.

Emotional Support Resources and Family Activities

Being at home with the people you live with can be great fun but how do you keep everyone occupied? Do you need helpful information and support around your families health and wellbeing? That's why we have shared a link to the Wakefield Families Newsletter on our Facebook and will be sending this to you via Parentmail. It's full of content and activities we think you'll find useful; whether it is inspiration for things to do indoors, fun foodie activities, or advice around routines and things like sleep – Its covered!

Mental Health Week Competition

As part of Mental Health Week, in our very different world, school have joined forces with CAMHS to be part of their Wakefield wide competition. Class teachers have been sharing this with parents and children throughout the week and more information can be found on our school's Facebook! To add to this Wakefield have launched a new 24 hour mental health helpline has been launched, offering confidential help and advice, to anyone registered with a GP in Wakefield. **Phone number: 0800 183 0558**

The new service will support people who are:

- At risk of developing mental health problems.
- Diagnosed common mental health problems.
- Known to mental health services.
- Experiencing mental health distress.
- Seeking information, advice and support.

The service will provide a listening ear, emotional support, advice and signposting to other local services for both individuals and their carers. The provider, NCHA will respond to urgent concerns and operate within a recovery model, ensuring callers' benefit from an effective intervention, in line with local mental health support pathways.

Pastoral Telephone Calls

Our teachers are continuing to call their class children once a week to catch up and make sure they are okay. It may be that they talk about what they have been learning, anything they may have struggled with, anything exciting that they have done at home (you have all been fantastic and done so much) and enjoy keeping in touch. Thank you for your support with this and we know the teachers enjoy the calls just as much as the children do!

Class teachers will also each week be setting weekly challenges via Dojo for their class. Share what you have been completing and send back to your class teacher to share on Facebook or following newsletters!

Finally, please remember that throughout all of these very different and difficult times our children are never far from our thoughts. The staff video certainly shared this. We would all like to send you our best wishes and remember – 'Behind every storm shines the brightest rainbow'.

All of the Staff at De Lacy

