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# De Lacy Primary School

## Newsletter

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

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This has certainly been an interesting first week at De Lacy for myself as I begin my headship! Nevertheless, I have really enjoyed getting to know many of the staff, children and parents and I look forward to getting to know more and more of you as the term progresses. As we enter the new period of national lockdown, I am confident that we can continue to ensure that children receive a high quality of education, whether that is remotely from home or in school. As we move through this period of time, I look forward to meeting you all properly and continue to make De Lacy Primary School a fantastic place to be!

### Thank you!

I would like to give a massive thank you to all the parents and carers who have supported us in ensuring their children access our remote learning platforms. I know sometimes, technology can be daunting to many people including myself. However, each day we are seeing more and more children access this. This is down to the resilience and perseverance of many parents and carers. I know it is difficult, particularly when there is more than one child to cater for but I appreciate you understand the importance of continuing your children's education in this manner. If you are still struggling to access our remote services, please call school and we shall be more than happy to support you.

### Remote Learning

Our remote learning platforms will be continuing everyday until the lockdown period ceases. My expectation is that 100% of pupils who are not in school should be accessing this to ensure all children continue to learn and do not fall behind. If you require any support with accessing our online learning please let us know. The content of the online learning mirrors what is taking place in school and I already appreciate the positive feedback we have received from some parents!

### Remote Learning Video tutorial

After speaking to some parents, we have found that some of the reasons people are struggling to access the remote learning is due to issues logging on. To help you access this, Mr Shuttleworth has kindly produced a short guide video which I am sure will help you access Microsoft Teams if you are stuck. Please check it out on our school Social Media.

### Weekly telephone calls

As in the previous period of lockdown, you will receive a weekly phone call from either your child's class teacher or a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This is simply just to check in and support with any barriers to learning and ensure your children are okay. I really appreciate that the staff of De Lacy do this as I know the children enjoy speaking to their teachers and miss seeing them every day. Our calls may come through on a private or withheld number - I would kindly ask that you accept these calls which will allow us to ensure any barriers to learning can be rectified.

### Poppy Appeal

We have received a communication from the Royal British Legion who support the annual Poppy appeal. I am pleased to say that the total of money raised for this incredible charity is £274. As a new headteacher, I am blown away by the generosity of the community of De Lacy and have heard so much about the kindness and generosity of families that have supported different charities throughout the year so far.



## Home support and homework

The learning journey of each child can only be successful with a productive partnership between home and school. You can help by:

- Ensuring your child is able to access the remote learning, on time and in a room where they're able to concentrate whilst still supervised.
- Listening to your child read at least 4 times a week. Ask questions about what you have read together, can they retrieve and use information they have just read?
- Help them with their timetables and the fundamentals of adding, subtracting, dividing and multiplying numbers.
- Ensure they complete their homework or spellings they may have to learn that week.
- Discuss what they are learning in their learning – is there any way they can continue to learn topics at home?

We appreciate all the support you can give at home!

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

**Mr J Parkinson**

**Headteacher**