

# Reckleford School & Nursery

'Every child has the right to an education' UNICEF Article 28

## Newsletter 3

JANUARY 21 LOCKDOWN 3



I write to you as we are once again in Lockdown and only partially open in the school. I, and all the Reckleford staff, know what a difficult time this is for all families and I hope that you are all well and managing to cope with the restrictions.

### **HOMELEARNING**

Well done to all of you who have been supporting your children to keep learning at home. Many of the Reckleford staff are also parents and we know how hard it is to keep motivating our children and to support their progress.

I must thank my brilliant staff for the balance of learning experiences they have planned and delivered to all our families at home. We hope you have all been completing the paper pack work that has been delivered to your doors and we will look forward to seeing this work when schools reopen.

We have been phoning you all every week to see if you need more support or are having any difficulties. It has been brilliant to hear how many of you have been accessing the online lessons.

We were only given 3 laptops through the Government scheme which was extremely disappointing. We have now managed to change our own school laptops to be useable in homes and we will be delivering these to families who have requested them today.

### **SCHOOL REOPENING**

As I write this the PM has been explaining that schools may be able to reopen by March 8<sup>th</sup>. We will wait to hear what the plan for this is. In the meantime, we will be starting rapid testing for all staff from today. The virus is often carried by adults and children who show no symptoms but who are able to pass it to others in their families who may then become very ill.

Our sole intention as a school is to keep our community safe. We will be taking every

precaution we possibly can in order to not be a spreader of Covid. Ideally this would mean keeping class sizes smaller and maintaining distance. We will continue to keep you informed of plans to gradually reopen when we receive Government advice.

I must thank you all for your patience at this time. We will always do the best that we can for the benefit of the children and their families.

### **FOOD VOUCHERS**

We have been issuing Tesco food vouchers to those families entitled to pupil premium (PP) funding. **THESE VOUCHERS WILL BE ISSUED FOR FEBRUARY HALF-TERM.**

Please let us know if your circumstances change. If you lose income you may be entitled to PP support.

### **TESTS**

**ADVICE AROUND TESTING REMAINS THE SAME** – if you or someone in your household develops a temperature OR a cough OR has a change in their taste and smell then your household must stay at home and the person with symptoms **MUST** be tested. If you are unable to get to a testing station then we have some test kits so please do ask.

### **TEST AND TRACE IN HALF-TERM**

Please remember that families who have been attending school and nursery **MUST** inform us during the February half-term if any family member tests positive for Covid. We will work with PHE to contact and inform families and staff should they need to isolate.

**PLEASE CONTACT US VIA THE SCHOOL EMAIL ADDRESS** [recklefordschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:recklefordschool@educ.somerset.gov.uk)

### **CATCHING UP!**

We will be assessing the children's phonics, writing and maths before half-term. We will send assessments home in today's pack which we would like you to complete with your child and

report their outcomes to us. Please see your child's timetable for how to do this.

### SAFEGUARDING

Please do ensure your parental controls are up to date on the devices your children are using at home. If they are accessing any 'live' online activities then please do supervise them to ensure their safety and be aware that websites they are accessing are age and content appropriate. Many thanks.

### RHE POLICY

Our relationships and health education policy is now finalised having been approved by both parents and Governors. A copy can be found on the website.

And finally...

### STAFFING

Anne Moore will be retiring on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Anne has been a teaching assistant at Reckleford for 34 years!! During this time she has supported hundreds of children always with skill, compassion

and great affection. Anne is currently one of our Senior TAs, our Emotional Literacy Support Advisor and our IT technician! We will miss her incredible talent, her humour and the care she has always shown to us all.

She thoroughly deserves a fantastic retirement which we look forward to celebrating with her in safer times.



Confidential help and advice for parents and carers of 0-4 years or 5-19 years. A safe and easy way to contact your Health Visiting Team . Just send a text. 07480 635514 (0-4s) or 07480 635515 (5-19)

For more details about the school please visit our website [www.somerset.org.uk/sites/reckleford](http://www.somerset.org.uk/sites/reckleford)

## INFORMATION FOR SPRING TERM

<b>HALF-TERM</b>	<b>February 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>POSSIBLE SCHOOL RETURN</b>	<b>From March 8<sup>th</sup> – to be confirmed</b>
<b>EASTER HOLIDAY</b>	<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>

**'Where every child feels safe and inspired to learn and find out what their best can be - now and in the future.'** Reckleford School & Nursery 'Ethos'