



## Hinckley Parks Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all and welcome back for the beginning of the Spring term. It goes without saying that this was not the start of the term, or the new year, that any of us were expecting or hoped for. The news that reached us late on Monday evening regarding the lockdown was as much of a shock and surprise to us as it was to everyone else.

We have moved as quickly as possible to implement provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers along with once again providing remote learning for those who are unable to attend school during this period. The feedback we have received regarding the safety measures that are in place for those children who are attending has been very positive and we will of course continue to follow and respond to government guidance on this over the course of the coming weeks.

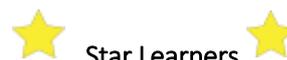
The response to, and interaction with, home learning has also been very positive at this early stage of the lockdown. The recorded lesson videos have proved popular with many parents who appreciate the flexibility of being able to access these at their convenience and to fit with their own very busy schedules. This is being supplemented by the Purple Mash platform which the children are familiar with from the previous lockdown and we are also planning to provide all children with workbooks from next week, which will support the teaching in the videos and the children's learning in the core subject areas of English and Maths. If you have any difficulties in accessing any of the teaching resources please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher at any time during normal school working hours—they will be eager to help and support you in any way that they can. If you do not have an email address for the teacher please contact the school office and this will be provided for you. Over the course of the next few weeks we will offer opportunities to interact with your child's class teacher on a face-to-face basis and will continually be reviewing this provision in order to meet the needs of the children and to manage the demands on yourselves and staff.

Can we take this opportunity to remind you that face masks must be worn when entering the school site and that visitors into the school building are not permitted at this time although parents will be allowed to collect work packs from the school office (reception) as instructed by class teachers. We are all aware of how difficult and upsetting this situation is for everyone and we look forward to better times in the future and for a time when we can all come back together. As always we thank you for your continued support.

*D Harding* Head Teacher

### Welcome

I am sure you will join me in welcoming two new members of staff to our school. Mr Martin has now started at Hinckley Parks and will be joining the Year 4 team. Mr Martin is very experienced and we are looking forward to him becoming a valued member of our team. Also joining us is Miss Tunnicliffe who will become part of the support staff in the Year 3 team. Although this is not the ideal situation to be starting at a new school I am sure they will both enjoy a happy and successful association with Hinckley Parks.



### Star Learners

Our star learner for this week is:

### **Lauren Seabrook (Y5)**

Lauren recently had her hair cut for charity and managed to raise a fabulous amount of over £400 for the Trussell Trust foodbank. Lauren also received a certificate from the Princess Trust for the donation of her hair. There is a photograph of Lauren with her certificate on the following page. Well done Lauren—we are very proud of you!

### School Uniform—Hole in the Wall

During the lockdown period the Hole in the Wall shop will be available on Mondays and Thursdays from 9.30am—2pm for customer orders, click and collect or any queries that parents may have. There will be a phone number on the door to ring for assistance. Parents can also make contact using the shop telephone—01455637475 or alternatively send a message anytime via the website

### Reading Books—Oxford Owl

As the children are unable to physically change their reading books at this time please encourage them to visit the Oxford Owl website ([oxfordowl.co.uk](http://oxfordowl.co.uk)). On this site you can access lots of ebooks for free. The registration process is quick and easy. Once registered the ebooks can be found under the 'Books' tab.

### CHILDREN'S GALLERY—WEEK 1

Please send photographs of your child learning and having fun at home to class teachers. We are missing them and enjoy seeing what they have been doing.

