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# Newsletter Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2020

### **Remote Learning Update**

As you are probably aware from national media, schools are required to be able to be in a position where they can support remote learning by the end of September. I just wanted to update you with our arrangements.

At the end of the summer term we were able to bid for a £1500 DfE grant to support remote learning. This enabled us to work through the summer with Google to set up G-Suite for our school, this includes Google classroom. Staff took part in the first part of their online training last week and training is on-going whilst we are setting up our virtual classrooms. We are on a steep learning curve so please bear with us!

In time, each child will have a personal log in which will allow them access to their virtual classroom and school work. This will be a fantastic tool which will be used in school to support our teaching and learning regularly, but will also enable children to access their school work if they are required to be at home e.g. self-isolating or local lockdown occurs.

We are also increasing the number of devices that we have in school with a view to being able to operate a loans system for those that need to borrow a school device to work at home.

Over the coming weeks we plan to work with the children to ensure that they are familiar with their online classroom and know their personal log ins.

In the meantime, it would be helpful to know if any families do not have reliable internet access, for whom we may need to provide alternative support should the need arise. Please drop us an email and let us know if this is the case for you. Thank you.

#### **Forest School**

Next Friday afternoon, the infants will be doing Forest School and may come to school in their Forest School clothes. Juniors will be doing PE and should come to school in school uniform as normal but don't forget PE kits. As the weather is very changeable at the moment, please make sure your child has a selection of clothes for warm and cold conditions. Thank you.

## **Parent Governor**

Further to my email last week, if any parents would like a nomination form for the parents governor vacancy the Governing Body currently have, please let me know. If anyone would like to speak to me about what the role entails, please contact me and I'll be happy to discuss this with you. Please note that the deadline for applications is Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

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### **Hobby Photos**

Mrs Rose is once again making a 'Hobby' display in the junior classroom. Please could you send a photo into school either a hard copy or email to <a href="mailto:admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk">admin@danby.n-yorks.sch.uk</a> showing your child taking part in their favourite hobby.

Have a lovely weekend.

Liz Orland