



# Greysbrooke Bulletin

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

## HELLO ALL!

We have devised this information leaflet as a way of keeping you updated and informed during this period of school closure. The frequency of these leaflets is to be determined by the amount of information we have to share and so we will attempt to use this to limit the number of emails we send out...we don't want to bombard you!

KEEP  
IN TOUCH  
AND  
SEE YOU  
SOON!

## END OF AN ERA...

Next week we will be saying a fond farewell to Mrs Ward, who will be retiring after working at Greysbrooke Primary School for over 24 years! She has seen staff and pupils come and go over the years and has been a valued member of the Greysbrooke team. From starting out in the office, working part time, to progressing through the ranks, gaining her business management qualification and becoming full time Office Manager, she has quite literally become part of the furniture! I'm sure you'll join me on congratulating her on her retirement and thanking her for all her hard work and long term service to Greysbrooke. We will miss her greatly and know she already has lots of plans for her retirement which include house renovations, looking after her collection of lovely animals and visiting family members. Enjoy every minute Mrs Ward, you deserve it!

## TOP TIPS from Mrs Glandfield for supporting your child's well-being during lockdown

- **Talk with them about what's going on, keeping communication as open as you can.** Let them know that it's okay to feel however they feel - whether that's scared, worried, angry, sad or something else.
- **Try to answer your child's questions and reassure them in an age appropriate manner.** While you don't need to know all the answers, talking things through can help them feel calmer.
- **Encourage your child to do the things that help them when they're finding things difficult.** This will be different for everyone - it could include things like doing exercise or going for a walk, watching a favourite film, reading a favourite book, cooking or baking, talking to friends, or drawing or writing.
- **Reassure them this will pass, you're there for them, and you will get through this together.** Having returned to some of their normal activities over the summer, going back into stricter measures might feel frustrating for your child. They may even be worried that things will never get better. Recognise how difficult this is, while also letting them know that the pandemic will not last forever.
- **Spend time doing a positive activity together.** This can help them to feel calmer by giving them a short break from everything that's going on. It's also a great way of providing a space for them to talk through their concerns, without having a 'big chat'.
- **Keep as many regular routines going as possible to help your child feel safe and secure.** This can include things like having regular times for going to bed, waking up, eating meals and doing hobbies.

## TRIPS

When schools fully re-open to all pupils, many measures will continue to be in place and so we have made the decision not to plan in any trips (including residential) for the remainder of this academic year. We are gutted that we are not able to offer our children the full experiences that Greysbrooke is known for, but with everything so uncertain, I'm sure you can appreciate it would not be sensible or advisable to book anything for the foreseeable future.

## GOOGLE MEET

A reminder of the times that these sessions will take place each day:

Class	Morning Meeting Time	Afternoon Meeting Time
Reception	9.00am	1.00pm
Year 1	9.00am	1.00pm
Year 2	9.40am	2.15pm
Year 3	9.20am	1.45pm
Year 4	10.40am	2.30pm
Year 5	10.00am	2.45pm
Year 6	10.00am	12.45pm

Please don't forget to keep in touch with your child's class teacher/year group staff through Google Classrooms...we are all here to help and support you however we can.

HM Government

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