

19th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

As we enter the 8th and final week of this very long half term, I wanted to write to you to say a big thank you to all of our children, staff, families and the community for all of your tremendous support during this time. It has been a challenging period and, as an academy, we have followed guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England to ensure that our response to the Covid-19 pandemic has been robust and most importantly kept our children, families and staff as safe as possible. Ravenfield Primary Academy has also been well supported by Maltby Learning Trust at this unusual time.

I would like to thank all of you for your prompt and regular communications over any potential Covid-19 symptoms. This has meant that we have been able to advise when to contact the NHS and meant that we have a clear picture of who is self-isolating.



Remote Learning

There is a page on our website linked to remote learning. You can find it here. <https://www.ravenfieldprimaryacademy.com/page/?title=Remote+Learning+Autumn+2020&pid=253>

We are currently following the Oak National Academy programme as our

remote learning offer. Should your child be isolating away from school and they are well enough to engage with remote learning, you can find all the resources you need here:

<https://classroom.thenationalacademy/>

All the lessons have been written by classroom teachers and follow the National Curriculum in the same way that we do.



Autumn Term Open Evening

At this time of year we would normally be planning our autumn term open evening for parents and carers. Unfortunately, this year and in line with government guidelines it will not be possible to meet face to face to discuss your child's return to the academy. Our teachers are currently preparing reports for families that will give you information that would have been discussed in a more traditional open evening. These will go out to families at the end of the first week back after half-term. If you have questions or would like to discuss this further, please contact school in the usual manner.

Catch-up Curriculum

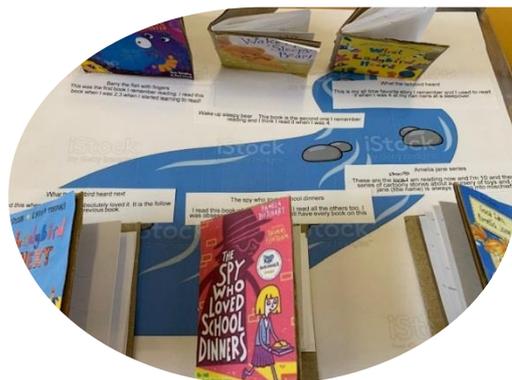
Over the past few weeks, we have been assessing where are children are to ensure that any gaps that may have arisen during lockdown can be quickly



identified. Our emphasis is on the core subjects and especially reading. The children who missed the phonics screen in Key Stage one have been assessed and will receive catch-up support. Reading happens daily across the entire school to ensure that our children are confident and fluent readers as this is the key to unlocking the rest of their learning. I would like to thank you for all of the support that you give with your child's reading at home.

Halloween Dress Up Day

On Thursday we are having a Halloween dress up day in school. This has been organised by the 'Friends of Ravenfield' and is taking place in school because we are aware that our traditional Halloween disco is unable to take place. 'Friends of Ravenfield' are asking for a donation of £1 (payed through parent pay) and this will go towards their fundraising to continue to develop the outdoor learning environment. If your child does not wish to dress up in a Halloween outfit then they are more than welcome to come in non-uniform.



E-Safety

We are aware that many of our children use the internet. I would like to signpost you to a local website for parents that has lots of good information and resources for keeping your child safe online.

<https://www.rotherhampower.co.uk/>

This year we will also be working, along with our older Key Stage 2 classes, with Ann Foxley-Johnson (anti-bullying officer) on being kind to each other online.

Parent Survey

Our Governing Board are keen to get current feedback from parents about school. This will help us to make improvements as we move forward this year. We posted a link on Dojo a number of weeks ago but if parents still have not had an opportunity to fill it in here is the link. It will be live until the end of the week.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=RCH8FHWxYEaO1ZbPgVctRj8xJ5-HRjtGkFHFign3aRZUQUhFWVdFTjNFRDFR0xSU0JTRk8yUUwwUC4u>

Thank you once again for your continued support and I wish you all the best for a peaceful and safe half-term break.

Caroline Coates
(Principal)

