

## Headteacher message

### Home learning

A number of parents/carers have been asking when we anticipate school will reopen to all pupils. I wish I could give you a definitive answer however it is clear that it is still too early for any decision to be made. We are hearing that 8th March could be a possible date for some to return to school however this has not been confirmed. I would urge you to think about our current provision being in place for some time ahead. Of course if we receive any information to the contrary, we will let you know.

### Managing Home learning

Thank you to all parents/carers who have received our calls. We are closely monitoring your child's participation in their home learning including their attendance at google meet sessions (live sessions with teachers) and their submission of learning. It is important that your child attends as many google meets as is practical for you all. We understand that there are many challenges to managing remote learning at home: number of devices, internet connection, more than one child at home, illness etc. If you are having difficulties, please let us know so we try to support you to resolve any issues.

### Safeguarding

If we do not see your child for ten consecutive days, we will make a referral to our local authority Education Welfare Officer. Some parents have already received notification regarding this. Please keep in contact with the school so we are kept informed of changes in your circumstances.

## Have a cup of tea with SLT!

Please join Miss Bennett, Mrs Ashley, Miss Cook and Ms Hindle for a virtual cup of tea, cup of coffee.

Tuesday afternoon at 1:30pm-2:00 pm EYFS

Tuesday afternoon at 2:15pm-2:45 pm KS1

Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm-2:00 pm Years 3 and 4

Wednesday afternoon at 2:15-2:45 pm Years 5 and 6

It would be lovely to see you and a chance to catch up.

You will receive a Zoom invitation via email from Mrs Singer Ripley on the day of the session. Then click the invitation just before the meeting is about to start. Join us with your cup of tea or coffee.



### PE Live Sessions @ Home with Mrs Pearce.

It has been Fantastic!!! seeing all years joining in with the Live PE Sessions each week. Even siblings and parents have been getting involved and exercising.

It is recommended children need to get 60 minutes of exercise a day.

Please log on to Mrs Pearce Google Class Page and try to complete the Challenges each week to help keep you fit and healthy.



### Dates for diary

1st - 5th February

Children's mental Health Week

Friday 12th Feb

Last day at school

15th—19th February

Half term

Monday 22nd February

School closed to pupils

(staff inset day)

Tuesday 23rd February

School re-open: Remote learning and on site provision continue

### Farewell



We will be saying farewell to Miss Hockey at the end of this half term. She has been an invaluable member of our school team and is much loved and respected by our school community. We wish her the very best in her next life adventure.

## Supporting Well Being at home

It is fair to say that our experience of this lockdown is a vastly different to the previous lockdown we had in March 2020, not only for adults but also for our children. There are very few of us who have not been affected in some way during this wave of the virus. You may have noticed higher levels of anxiety amongst your children which is understandable given the new routines and not knowing when things will return to normal for them. Here are a few tips to support you in dealing with an anxious moment at home:

- Breathe slowly and deeply together. You can count slowly to five as you breathe in and then five as you breathe out
- Sit with your child and offer calm physical reassurance. Feeling you nearby, or holding your hand or having a cuddle if it's possible, can be very soothing.
- Reassure them that their anxiety will pass and that they will be okay.
- Ask your child to think of a safe and relaxing place or person in their mind
- Try using all five sense together. Connecting with that they can see, touch, hear, smell and taste can bring them closer to the present moment and reduce the intensity of their anxiety. You might think about five things they can see, four things they can touch, three things they can hear, two things they can smell and one thing they can taste
- Encourage them to do something that helps them to feel calmer. This could be running, walking, listening to music, painting, drawing or colouring –in, watching a favourite film, baking or cooking with you.



### Positive feedback



We have been receiving some lovely positive feedback from you all regarding the home learning. We really appreciate your feedback and this spurs us to do even better.

We will be sharing a survey with you shortly so we are able to capture your feedback to inform our next steps.

### Submitting online learning

**Please ensure that your child is submitting their learning daily for marking and feedback.**

### February Half term

There has been much speculation about schools opening for vulnerable and key worker children over the half term. We have now received confirmation that schools will be closed to these groups over the half term.

We will still require parents of children who have accessed on site provision to let us know if your child tests positive during the half term break in order to assist us in supporting NHS contact tracing.

If your child tests positive please inform the school via email so we can send the appropriate notifications to our school community to keep everyone safe.

# Year 6 remote Learning

Before long she had entered the shop. It was as quiet as a mouse. The only sound was the creaky floorboards of the floor level. "Wow!" she mumbled to herself. Surrounding her, in every nook and every cranny were piles upon piles of dolls that filled the shop to the rim. Why is there no-one here? she thought, this shop is amazing! Grinning with joy, she noticed her doll was on a stand that looked very old and was a rusty brown color... As her hand stretched out to me she tripped and fell to the floor with a CRASH!!! Wearily, she got on her hands and knees and got up and discovered how she tripped. A doll that looked exceptionally angry had accidentally tripped her up. Its eyes looking up at her. Within seconds, she scooped the doll up and placed it down gently back onto the floor. Its mechanism made it go directly into the door with a THUD!!! "Aww how sweet", Alma said. As soon as she spun back around she saw the doll was gone. Where did it go? She frantically searched everywhere. Her eyes were getting sore. When suddenly she saw it. Her doll was on the very high up top shelf that was nailed onto the dark brown walls. All of the shelves were overflowing with dolls of all sizes and colours. She hunted for something to climb on when she discovered that there was a sofa near the shelves that she could climb on. She was so eager to get the doll she raced over to the threadbare couch and began to crawl onto it. I could see in the corner of my eye that the girl was stretching her hand out to me. No! Don't do it! But she did it. She touched my face. It felt as if her organs were shrinking. All she could see was a view very high up. Oh no! She thought. She morphed into the doll. There was that creaking sound again. She looked at the window. Another doll rose up onto the stand...

Kyra

*She slowly wrote her name on the chalkboard admiring her beautiful handwriting. She dropped the chalk, and lowered her red pinkish scarf. Something felt off. She froze, listening. A high pitched screech behind her rose. She paused. Stared at the window from afar. She felt a shiver upon her shoulders as she walked closer to discover...*

Lakshana

*Her heart was pounding like a drum then her heart sank as she walked towards the mouth-like window. As her warm breath hit the frosty window, she began to wipe off the frost. Alma's jaw dropped as she saw what was in her eyesight. She looked down and back up at herself. How? Questions and thoughts*

Chelinna

## Alma

She furiously threw a snowball at the door and stomped away with a broken heart. Then to her desire, the door gave a little 'CREAK' open, this is what she had been waiting for...

Alma stared at her name (written beautifully) amongst the others. She heard the 'Crunch' of the chalk in the white, lush snow as it dropped. Her eyes squinted with pride. Instantly, she her fluffy warm mittens to her hot-pink scarf and pulled it down. As Alma turned around she noticed a peculiar figure she walked towards the shop window. Clearing the window so she could see better. Alma put her nose up against the window and steamed it up. She continuously looked up and down. Her eyes widened. Her mouth opened. Blinking in shock. But when she looked up shock slapped her face. It was gone.

As she looked for the doll, she felt an icy chill coming up her spine. But it was not the weather. She found the doll. As she rushed to the door she attempted to open it. But it just did not open. In frustration, Alma threw a snowball at the door. Thud. Creeek...

She turned her head slightly around and gave a little giggle before running inside the shop. Her head was overwhelmed by all the dolls that had been there and was happy to see the doll still there. Alma gleefully ran towards the but almost tripped over something. A doll. It wore a black little suit and was on a little bike. His hair was smooth and neat, the same as his clothes. It was peddling really fast but was turned to its side. She kindly picked up the doll and placed it the right way. Curiously, she stared at the doll, watching it bash at the door. 'THUD THUD!' 'What was it doing?' she wondered. She decided to ignore it and looked forward to the doll, but, one again, it had disappeared. 'Where is it now?' she groaned in her

# Year 3 remote Learning

Dear Diary,

Today was a day that only happens once in a lifetime. I had the most amazing experience at the circus. I went to the circus with Little Mo, Tom and Pete. We got there early, at around 7pm and so we decided to walk around the fair. I felt so excited and impatient for the show to begin. Little Mo shouted "please can we get some popcorn?" as the yummy smell of popcorn attracted us.

We managed to get good seats right at the front and I felt like my heart was going to burst with excitement. The tent was pitch black and all I could hear was people chewing and whispering behind me. A dim spotlight shone on a barrel organ which was playing ghostly music on its own.

Then out of nowhere, three jugglers appeared, spinning in the air. Everyone was cheering and I felt so happy. The next thing I know, they threw their skittles high up in the air and they never came back down. Everybody cheered and clapped! After this everything went black again, and I felt nervous and my belly was tickling. I thought to myself "the magic is going to begin".

Suddenly a purple cloud of smoke filled the stage and Abdul Kazam appeared. I was so excited. He started doing card tricks, then he turned scarfs into doves and even poured water into a top hat that then turned into night air! Can you believe it? I was so impressed. Then, Abdul Kazam asked for a volunteer and speedily I put my hand up. Almost immediately, my stomach emptied with fear that he might perform a scary magic trick on me.

Next, I stepped into a dark box and then I started falling down until a magic carpet caught me. I wasn't afraid because I realised that everything that disappeared by magic appeared to be here. I saw flying cards, beautiful white doves and lots of other things. On the magic carpet I met a boy with blue pantaloons who explained to me that this was the place between.

Out of the blue, I felt something soft, wriggling next to me. When I looked over I saw a white bunny. The boy explained that "she was never called back". I was truly amazed at this enchanted place. Suddenly, I heard a voice calling and the boy started floating away. He shouted "bye! my dad is calling me back!". Then I continued to look at this astonishing world with flying objects and air that smells of perfume.

Instantly, I heard a voice calling me, "Leon come back". It was like an echo of my name and I felt the magic begin to lift me up. I held the bunny tightly as I floated into the darkness. Then I heard an abrupt tap and the door of the box opened in front of me. I felt relieved when I saw my siblings again. Everyone was so surprised to see me, and Abdul Kazam took a victorious bow and everyone cheered and clapped.

On the way home, my siblings asked me where I went. I told them I went to the place where magic takes you. Then, little Mo asked me, "can anyone go there?" and I replied "yes, anyone who believes". I explained to little Mo about the magic rabbit as I put her on my shoulders. I continued to feel full of joy as we walked home. It was the most magical night ever.

Santiago

## Well Done!

# Year 3 remote Learning

Dear Diary,

Today has been the greatest day of my life! You're not going to believe what happened to me. Me, Mo, Tom and Pete finally went to the circus that I wanted to go to for ages. We were so excited. Well, apart from Tom. He said that "it's all only tricks, it's not real" and that made little Mo sad. I still knew that the magic was real even though Tom wouldn't agree. We sat patiently in our seats for ten minutes because it was 7:20 when we got there and the show began at 7:30. I didn't mind waiting because I knew it would all be worth it.

All of a sudden, the lights turned off and my heart started beating with excitement.

The blue curtains opened and the gold ribbon fell onto the ground, I was frightened because of the eerie sound in the background, though very curious to see what would be next. I was sure that the magic was going to begin very very soon.

When the majestic blue curtains opened and the gold ribbon fell on the ground, jugglers came out of nowhere! The jugglers threw skittles high up in the air, we all expected them to come back down but they didn't! Everyone gasped and clapped as the jugglers bounced away.

When the lights had turned off again, I was so fascinated about the jugglers that I didn't even notice the lights had turned off, but I did notice that a spotlight went on a barrel organ that started to play and no one was playing it! I could smell the magic, then to my surprise I saw wooden animals that filled up the stage that was powered by a glowing moon and it was finally time for the magician! "Now." I said to myself, "Now it's going to happen."

POOF! Purple smoke flooded the stage and out came Abdul Kazam who said "Trust nothing but believe everything!" Abdul Kazam asked the audience "Who would like to be my assistant and come and step inside the mysterious magic box?" The box was strangely decorated and I couldn't take my eyes off it. Without knowing what I was doing, I volunteered because I knew it just HAD to be me! I am so glad I did.

When I carefully stepped into the box, I realised that I was falling. I closed my eyes, all of a sudden, I landed on something soft, I opened my eyes and I was on a magic carpet!

I met a boy there, and to my surprise he was the one and only son of Abdul Kazam!

We flew around the place between and I saw all kinds of magical things I could only dare to imagine, it felt like I was dreaming.

After a while, the carpet had to take a rest. Me and the boy sat down and all of a sudden, I felt something behind my back, I got it from behind my back and it was a rabbit!

"He's always here, he was never called back" the boy said. I felt bad for the rabbit so I stroked its fluffy ears and cuddled it gently.

I suddenly realised that the boy was floating in the air, he said "My father is calling back" I replied "Goodbye I'll never forget!".

Suddenly, I felt my feet rising off the carpet. I could hear my name and it sounded like Abdul Kazam, I felt the wind whooshing past, then there was a sharp tapping noise, and just like that, me and my friend rabbit were back in the real world. Abdul Kazam took a bow and everyone clapped for me and him. I felt special even though I was still amazed by what I had seen in that box.

On the way home, my friends asked me a million questions but Pete and little Mo asked the most. It made me glad to see that Pete and Tom finally believed in magic after what he had witnessed and heard my story when I was in the place between. All of us saw Abdul Kazam's image in the sky. It really was the most amazing experience that I'm sure I will never forget.

**Kaidence**

# Brilliant!