

# West Heath Primary News

(27<sup>th</sup> November 2020)

## Welcome Back!

It's great to have all the children and staff back in school following their recent isolation.

**Thank you** to their parents and carers for supporting them with TEAMS lessons and learning at home.



Please pass on my thanks to the teachers for all they have done, to provide the best possible education to the children while they have been isolating. Both children have enjoyed using Teams. It has been such a big help, and took a lot of pressure off me while trying to work from home.

Thanks again for all at West Heath that are doing all they can to support the children during these testing times.

## Remote Learning Feedback from Parents

I just wanted to write in and say what an excellent job staff did on Microsoft Teams whilst they were self-isolating. As a parent, it was lovely to see the teacher and the children interacting and clearly enjoying their lessons and, although under very different circumstances, it was nice to have a glimpse into their school day.

I would also like to say that I think the school as a whole has handled the whole pandemic fantastically. I have no worries at all in sending my child into school, as I am confident that you have gone above and beyond in ensuring our children's safety and will continue to do so. Thank you so much for looking after our children.

## COVID UPDATE

Confirmed Cases – parents	5
Confirmed cases – children	0
Children self-isolating with symptoms	6
Children self-isolating because of a confirmed case of Covid in a class bubble.	11
Confirmed Cases – staff	0
Staff self-isolating with symptoms	0
Staff self-isolating due to contact with a confirmed case of Covid.	0
Staff self-isolating due to family members	0
Staff shielding	2

Please be assured that the safety of the whole community will be at the forefront of our minds when making all decisions about managing the pandemic in school.



This week's focus has been :

**Honesty**  
**Tell the truth, take the truth.**

Next week's values focus is:

**Empathy**  
**Be aware, Share, Care.**

Please talk to your child about the meaning of this value.

## Parking

As you will be aware, both Wakeford Rd and Rednal Rd outside school have zig-zag line markings. No parents should be parking on these when dropping off or collecting children. Fines have and will be issued by the police.

To ensure everyone's safety, please park safely and may we ask that you return to your vehicles promptly to allow others to do the same.



## Thank You

School teams around the country are doing an amazing job, despite such challenging circumstances.



You may have seen some of them on *The One Show* this week. You can show your appreciation by following the link below:

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-a-teacher/thank-a-teacher-form/>

## Christmas Lunch

We are happy to see on PING that some of those children who bring sandwiches to school would like to join us on **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December** for a hot roast turkey bap or Christmas quorn roast bap and Christmas desert.

By trialling this, we will get an idea about capacity to offer school meals to all children in the new year, not just to those children entitled to free school meals.

**Please order by 4<sup>th</sup> December**



## Little Ears are Listening

Please refrain from using inappropriate language in and around our school site.

Parents have recently reported hearing unsavoury phrases while entering the school gates.

## Childcare

Our childcare facilities will begin again when we return to school after Christmas. More information about the times, cost and capacity will be sent before we break up.

We are working extremely hard to reduce cross bubbling of children and staff, this is not possible in childcare. The decision to restart childcare in the new year has been made because our focus at the present time is education continuity.

## Book Fair

Our Book Fair Catalogue is available on School PING. Please support our book fair and help us to raise as much as possible to earn more books for school.

**Please order by 4<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Christmas News

Look out on Monday for our Christmas Newsletter.