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Newsletter - Friday 29th January 2021

Showbie/Remote Learning:

- **Reading-** It is vitally important that your child remains engaged in reading. Your child's teacher will be posting books for your child to read in the Year group reading folder. They will be doing this twice each week (Monday and Thursday). These will be from Purple Mash and the Oxford Owl. These books are accessible for all children including those in school as home reading books are not being sent home currently. We expect **all** children to be reading each day and looking in the class reading folder at least twice each week. They can leave either a voice note or a written comment to the teacher about what they are reading or when they have finished a book/chapter.
- **Mental health and well-being-**We understand that during these difficult and uncertain times children's mental health is so important. Mrs Airey has posted a folder onto Showbie entitled "Children's mental health". Please encourage your child to take a look at it as we are trying to promote periods of time where your child is off a device and doing something nice which they enjoy and which will make them smile.
- **Online Safety:** -As we continue to teach and learn from home it is crucial that we all appreciate the importance of staying safe online. From next week, your children will have access to an e-safety folder on their Showbie account. This will contain stories for the children to read that teach the key aspects of staying safe online as well as links to e-safety games and activities for the children to complete at their leisure. As a parent or carer, you also have access to a wide range of resources covering all major concerns and risks for children in the realm of online safety. To access any of these resources, feel free to visit <http://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/whinfield-primary-school> and create your own free login. You can also keep up to date on current advice by following their Facebook page.

COVID reminder:

Please can we remind you that if an adult or other member of the household is going for a COVID test you must not send your child into school while you wait for the results. Please all stay at home until you receive your results.

Safeguarding:

If you have any safeguarding concerns about any of our children, please contact Mrs Murray on 07469 402630.

February half term:

School closes for February half term on Friday 12th February and re-opens on Monday 22nd February for the children of Key Workers only.