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Remote Learning

Thank you to all families for embracing Remote Learning so positively. Class teachers have been extremely grateful for the work that has been brought into school or emailed directly. If you have not yet contacted class teachers with your child's work, please do, so that staff can champion the hard work of you and your child, give you feedback and encourage you further.



Thank you for all the positive engagement with the Oak Academy recorded sessions. Please remember the independent tasks/worksheets are provided to **follow** these inputs so children **DO** need to have accessed the recorded input to enable them to complete the follow-on task as independently as possible.

Our thanks also go to children and families who are attending school. We know that many Parents / Carers whose children are attending may still have concerns about school attendance, but cannot fulfil their critical worker role without a school place. Children have been marvellous at adjusting to a 'new normal' in school, not only in terms of learning, but also in terms of friendships. Thank you to Parents and Carers for supporting and encouraging this.



Class Dojo

You should now have received information about our new app called **Class Dojo** which enables school and parents to instantly send messages and learning to each other in order to help make communication between home and school easier. If you wish to be part of Class Dojo please complete the user agreement sent previously and return to Mrs French our Computing Lead (class5@bsi.school). This App is for all children in school, regardless of whether they are currently attending school or learning remotely at home. It will go live as we work through each class! so keep a look out for some posts on your class story in the coming weeks.

Home learning boost thanks to local firm AESSEAL

Rotherham firm AESSEAL plc has donated £400,000 to the Laptops for Kids charity to support home learning for children across the borough during the pandemic. The charitable organisation has used £300,000 to supply devices to 1,500 households in Rotherham.

The remaining £100,000 will be used to buy dongles for connecting 10,000 households to the internet, meeting the total estimated need across South Yorkshire.

AESSEAL is a world-leading designer and manufacturer of mechanical seals and support systems. The company operates from 230 locations across the world and is headquartered in Rotherham.

Council Leader Cllr Chris Read was overwhelmed by the donation. He said: "This is a tremendous gesture from AESSEAL which befits their commitment to our local community and expanding opportunities for local people. I'm really pleased that the council is able to work alongside them and our schools to ensure that more IT equipment will get to the children who will most benefit from it. In what has been the most awful year, this is another example of how our community comes together to look after each other and overcome the challenges that we face."



As you were already aware, we have been unable to apply for laptops under the DFE scheme as our children do not meet the criteria (Year 3 and older). We are therefore thrilled to inform you that as part of AESSEAL's generous donation, our school has been allocated 22 Chrome books to loan to children who do not have a device at home and are therefore struggling to access the daily remote learning required of them. Please contact school if this applies to you so that we can start

the process of allocating a chrome book to you.



Long Covid-19 Patient Support

NHS England have announced today that thousands of patients suffering with the long-term symptoms of coronavirus can now access specialist help at more than 60 sites,

The assessment centres are taking referrals from GPs for people experiencing brain fog, anxiety, depression, breathlessness, fatigue and other debilitating symptoms.

NHS England has provided £10 million for the network of clinics, which started opening last month. There are now 69 operating across the country with hundreds of patients already getting help.

The Rotherham NHS Foundation is one of 60 sites to be offering support to patients suffering with long term symptoms of coronavirus.

More information can be found at <https://www.england.nhs.uk/2020/12/long-covid-patients-to-get-help-at-more-than-60-clinics/>



What to do if your child or member of your household tests positive over the February Half term



School has been asked to support the Track and Trace system over the half term period. If your child currently attends school and they or a family member tests **positive** for coronavirus (Covid-19), then Parents / Carers are requested to contact the school immediately via the school email address **enquiries@bsi.school.**

Please mark the subject box as **POSITIVE COVID TEST** give your child's / family member's name, date symptoms started and date positive test result was received.

The school will then identify any children and staff that have been in close contact in school to the affected person in the last 48 hours from the onset of their symptoms. The Parents / Carers of these children will be contacted and advised that their child needs to self-isolate for 10 days from their last contact with the positive case. The emails will be checked each morning before 10.00am and parents notified immediately afterwards.

Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus (COVID-19) helpline is available to answer questions about coronavirus (COVID-19) relating to education and children's social care. Staff, parents and young people can contact this helpline by calling: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 4pm

Dates to Note

Friday 12th February 2021 (INSET DAY). (School will be closed to all children on this day)

Friday 28th May 2021 (INSET DAY)

Monday 28th June 2021 (INSET DAY)

Holiday Dates:

February half term - 15th February to 19th February. (1 week)

Easter - 29th March to 9th April. (2 weeks)

May Day - Friday 3rd May.

Spring Bank - 31st May to 4th June. (1 week)

Summer - 21st July (6weeks)