

High Ercall News 16



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Happy New Year!

We all hope that you managed to have a lovely Christmas despite all of the uncertainty of the current situation. If nothing else, hopefully there were plenty of walks and family films!



This was not the start to term that any of us wanted—but as ever, we have all taken up the new challenges and just got on with it!! My thanks to all of the staff who have very quickly adapted all their planning and learning so that it works in school and on-line. It has been a very busy week in school—as I am sure it has been for you at home.

Assemblies

I am looking at how I can share our weekly assemblies with everyone at home as well as at school. We have a Friday celebration assembly with certificates and photographs from home and school, and a story assembly on a Monday.

Hopefully this will be set up for next week so that you will have a link to a video. I will apologise now for how daft I sound!!!

DATE	EVENT
Friday 12th February	Break up for half term
Monday 22nd February	Return form half term—we will wait and see what happens with this.
Tues 2nd—5th March	Arthog Local experience—Year 6 We are waiting to see what happens with this—and if we are still in national lockdown we will defer.
Thursday 1st April	Break up for Easter
Monday 19th April	Return to school after Easter
Monday 3rd May	Bank holiday
Friday 28th May	Break up for half term

Learning at home and school

Lots of fabulous work in school and being posted from home. It is great to see! Lots of art, science, maths and English!



Emily

Kit

Erica

Alicia

Kayla

George



Well done to our 5R Stars—these are children working at home and school. We know you are all working hard and it is difficult to choose just one child! Well done to all of you too.

Our 5Rs are being:

Respectful, Resilient, Responsible, Reflective, Resourceful

Well done to:

Class 5: Billy—being resilient

Class 4: Elsie—being responsible

Class 3: Poppy—being resilient

Class 2: Ella—being resilient

Class 1: Jenson—being responsible

COVID update—new lockdown information

Thank you for taking the time to read all of the letters that I sent home this week—I apologise that there has been something daily!

We do have a high proportion of children in school—and please remember that the guidance is that children of critical workers should only be sent into school **IF it is absolutely necessary**. I know some families have chosen to keep children at home. To safeguard all of our community, I am keen to keep the numbers in classes as small as possible, whilst recognising that there are families who have no choice. It is clear from national and local data that the new variant of the virus is very much in our local area and cases are rising rapidly.

Our updated risk assessment is on our school website for you to view. **Further** key protective measures are:

- extra vigilance from staff and parents for any illness or possible symptoms and if that is the case, keep children at home as book a test
- staff and children maintaining distance where possible in school, and staff are wearing masks around the school site but necessarily not in class
- temperature checks of all staff, visitors and children on entry. Anyone with consecutive test results over 37.8 must go home and book a test

Home Learning—Remote Learning Plan, January update, is on the website

Thank you very much to all of you who have very quickly started getting used to home learning again, and finding all of the learning we have posted on the website. I hope the guide sent home was helpful as a reminder. We have made some changes, and learning does mirror the teaching in school so if your child is struggling with new learning, please contact your child's teacher through seesaw. We hope the daily format is helpful, and that the video teaching supports your understanding and your child's. We still have laptops available to loan out for anyone sharing or struggling with an older device. PLEASE contact school if this is you. We are planning some possible TEAM sessions in Class 5 (more info next week) and parent support sessions in Class 1 via TEAM, as learning in the early years is very different. **We are here to help.**