



Friday Flyer



Northchapel Primary School and Little Oaks Pre-school

SAFE KIND READY

Future Key Dates				
Friday 22nd January		Half term: 15th—19th February 2021		
Mon 25th Jan 2021	Tues 26th Jan	Weds 27th Jan	Thurs 28th Jan	Fri 29th Jan

Good afternoon,

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well at home and at work. I wanted to start off by congratulating you all with your continued efforts with home schooling. I think we can all be proud to say that we are trying our best, most of all, our children. This week I wanted to write to those that are struggling at home with managing the workload life balance. What is being asked of you all is impossible; you are being expected to hold down jobs, teach and parent all at the same time and we appreciate that it is not easy and not always achievable. We only ask that you try. If the school hours do not suit you then please look at alternative options, if little and often suits your family, then spread it over the seven days, or concentrate on the three/four hours expected over a longer time during the day. A bit early on, have a break, go back to it later in the morning and finish off when parents have finished work. Don't forget to add in all the times for breaks to offer fresh air and exercise that they would be getting if they were in school. If it's tough concentrating, take regular brain breaks too.

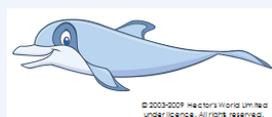
You may have seen in the news that we are to carry out lateral flow testing in our staff next week to identify asymptomatic carriers. Whilst we welcome the measures taken to keep ourselves safe, I must add that this is only optional. I am also concerned about the late disruption that this can cause to the running of the school.



Staff should test twice a week in the mornings before work. If anyone tests positive, they then self isolate. This could potentially cause disruption to our bubbles and staff and children from their bubble will be asked to isolate too. However, I do hope that it does not come to this.

Further to my email earlier this week regarding teams meetings, we aim to get cameras back on and up and running as before, once we have permissions in place. A separate letter is coming

out to you to explain the safety guidelines around being able to do this. In the letter I have also mentioned about downloading a safety button for children whilst online. Here is the link again.



<http://hectorsworld.netsafe.org.nz/teachers/hectors-world-safety-button/>

Finally, I am pleased to say that I can end on a much happier note! We have had an amazing response to our laptop appeal. We will be taking delivery of 10 new laptops donated to us by the **Lurgashall Hardship Fund**. They have worked in conjunction with <https://www.diskingcomputers.com/liphook-store> who generously sold them at cost price! We can not say 'thank you' enough!



If anyone is facing financial hardship at the moment and feel that they would benefit from support from the fund. Please contact our office and we will put you in touch. Deborah

LITTLE OAKS NEWS



The sound of music has filled the air in our classroom cheering us all up on wet and gloomy week. The children have really enjoyed playing and choosing music on the CD player and we have done lots of dancing and singing. We have also been practising our Jolly Phonics songs and actions. The children are really enjoying learning their letter sounds and having fun too. I have provided the link on Tapestry so that you can join in at home.

We finished the week by going out into the woods in the glorious sunshine. The children had a great time making dens, climbing trees and bug hunting.

Have a great weekend! Sharon

