

### News from the Federation –22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021

Happy weekend everyone. Thank you to all the staff who have been working so hard to ensure that our online learning offer continues to improve. We were pleased to hear some positive feedback about the work being provided and will also be adding some further pick and mix activities for children to do to encourage them to use and apply their skills and learning in different ways and some additional challenges.

In school, despite the wind and rain, there has been a calm and productive atmosphere. The children have been completing their learning from Google Classroom: there have been science lessons on magnetism and electricity; music lessons exploring different genres, musical patterns and rhythms and Year 6 enjoyed a webinar with the Lapworth Museum of Geology learning about rocks and fossils. It has also been wonderful to see new friendships developing between children at Fawcett and Trumpington Meadows within their new bubbles. Every cloud has a silver lining!

We do appreciate how difficult it can be to be working from home and home schooling. Many of the teaching team are also having to do the same. Remember to be kind to yourselves. The government expectation is that children in Key-stage 1 should have access to 3 hours online learning and in Key-stage 2 they should have 4 hours. We aim to ensure that we meet this expectation, but we also know that every family is different and all we ask is that you and your child try your best. We know that for every family the balance will be different.

Please remember that as well as providing online learning, staff are also working in school looking after the children of critical workers and vulnerable pupils. This means that there will be days when they cannot respond immediately to questions and queries. Staff will be providing regular feedback when they can so check your child's classwork page.

Classes will be starting to hold regular google meets. We have tried to schedule these at different times across the day to avoid class meets clashing and will always share timetables with you.

#### Term Dates

**Spring Half Term**  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
2021

**Last day of Spring  
Term**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**First day of Summer  
Term**  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Summer Half Term**  
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

**Last day of Summer  
Term**  
Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

#### Free School Meals Vouchers

The Offices at Trumpington Meadows and Fawcett will be sending out FSM vouchers on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> January. These will be for the coming two weeks for those families who are eligible for free school meals.

We will keep you informed each week and do make an application if you haven't already.

#### Contacting the Class Teacher

We understand that there are times when you may need to make contact with your child's class teacher. Please could we ask that you email the office with this request and avoid posting messages on the Google Classroom stream (which should be used only by the children for their learning and all children can see this).