

News from the Federation – 29th January 2021

You will have heard in the news earlier this week that schools will not be re-opening after half term. The earliest date that schools are likely to open now is March 8th. We can do this. Our thanks go out to all the critical workers keeping our essential services running and to you for doing such a fantastic job keeping and educating your children at home we really do appreciate how hard this can be. If you need some reassurance read the link here:

<https://sarahockwell-smith.com/2021/01/03/parenting-through-covid-restrictions/>

We continue to experiment and develop our home learning provision and the features of google classroom. This week, the staff are experimenting with using Mote which allows them to record feedback verbally to children. In response to feedback we have received, we are providing additional challenges and work for children to do. We also know that while google meets are great, these can be difficult if you are juggling one device between 3 children. Let us know if you are struggling.

This week we have introduced assemblies for each year group to celebrate children's hard work and efforts. All staff and children have enjoyed sharing a few moments together online – it's lovely to see so many of you attending.

You may already know that Wednesday 10th February would have been the 100th day of the school year. To celebrate and to have some fun, we would like you to find out as much as you can about the number 100 and to create collections of 100 things e.g. 100 pennies, 100 leaves, 100 ways to say hello in different languages, 100 cereal hoops, baked beans etc. or a 100 places you could travel to that are 100 miles from Trumpington. Be as imaginative and creative as you can be. We will be setting you some additional challenges on the day or perhaps you could create some challenges of your own you could share. Please take a photograph of your collection/s and we will share them on 100 day. Happy 100 hunting.



Connected Lives – a charity supporting families

There are four ways you can connect with us at the moment.

- Circle of Security Parenting Groups

Relationship-based parenting courses run over 8 weeks online.

A great way to talk to other parents and gain support around parenting, something we can all benefit from right now.

We have a separate group for Turkish families – please get in touch for more details.

We have places available for groups starting next week. Please get in touch.

- **Sing and chat**

For parents/carers and children aged approx. 0 – 5 years. Join us via Zoom for singing, stories, craft and conversation every Wednesday morning. Very relaxed, all welcome.

- **Welcome Bay Boxes**

If you are having a baby, or have a baby under 16 weeks of age, we would love to celebrate your little one's arrival. Please get in touch and we will deliver you a box of gifts for all your family.

- Parenting webinars

Join us for some parenting talks that will help you get through Lockdown 3.

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Term Dates

Spring Half Term

Monday 15th February
2021

Last day of Spring Term

Friday 26th March 2021

First day of Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2021

Summer Half Term

Friday 28th May 2021

Last day of Summer Term

Thursday 22nd July 2021

Free School Meals Vouchers

If you have not received your Free School Meal vouchers, please contact the school and we can issue.

We have noticed that a number of the vouchers issued have not yet been redeemed so if you are having trouble redeeming them, please email the school offices and we will be happy to send you the link again.

Below is a useful link on online safety for children.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1QNW6BVhopXbwl09mQIs6M-A49g5zAxFT>