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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another successful week of remote learning this week, we reached our highest levels of engagement and I am always amazed at the fantastic examples of work the children are producing at home. As a school we are always evaluating our remote learning offer and looking for ways that we can further support our children and families. I'm thrilled to share with you all that we now have a new digital reading scheme for all our children in school, so children can enjoy reading regardless of how many books are on book shelves at home.

Bug Club and Oxford Owl



Bug Club

On Monday we will be launching our new digital reading schemes, Bug Club and Oxford Owl. These subscriptions will allow children to access age-appropriate e-books at home. All books are allocated by class teachers and will give our children the opportunity to practice their reading fluency in a really fun, interactive way.



On Monday afternoon, during Correction Clinic there will be a recorded lesson explaining how to use Bug Club and Oxford Owl and children's log-in details will be shared on Seesaw.

Free School Meals

Vouchers have been issued to families entitled to means-tested free school meals this week. Each child eligible will receive a £15.00 supermarket voucher for each week up to February half term. We know that many families' circumstances may have changed as a result of the pandemic. If you think that you might now be entitled to Free School Meals please apply via the link below.

<https://www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-children/free-school-meals>

If you would like any advice or support in claiming Free School Meals please call the school office or email ap-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk who will be happy to help.

Places in School

Places in school continue to be reserved for the children of critical workers, who do not work from home and for vulnerable children. Thank you to all those parents who are undertaking the challenging task of home schooling! I understand the pressures on working parents of having children at home however it is vital that, if you are able to care for your children at home, you continue to do so. Your class teachers are available daily via Seesaw for support, or you can contact the senior leadership team by contacting the school office.

The Headteacher is the designated person for all child protection issues

Welfare Calls

If we do not see your child 'live' during morning registration sessions or live lessons you will receive a welfare call that day from a withheld number. This is your child's class teacher checking in with you. If we cannot contact you, a home visit will be carried out. In line with usual attendance procedures, if your child is not going to be present on Teams for any reason e.g. illness, please inform the school office.

If you need any help or support with remote learning please remember we are here for you. You can contact your class teacher by emailing ap-enquiries@ipmat.co.uk or call the school office to request a call back from a member of the senior leadership team.



Miss K. Lea

Headteacher