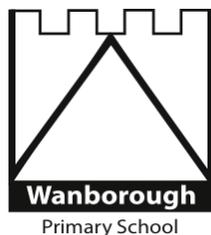


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Dear Parents

Firstly, can I thank Miss Corbyn and everybody for their efforts during Mental Health Week – we managed to raise £152.00 for Place2be which is great. We also had Year 5 and 6 children work with Swindon Town this week to recognise Safer Internet Day which went successfully, with positive feedback given on the enthusiasm of our pupils and Teachers!

With a term of remote learning nearing completion, I'd like to update you with some good news regarding our endeavours to increase the capacity of devices within our school community. Through the various Government schemes we have been allocated 9 laptops. DfE funding has also been used to provide updated laptops for the Teachers to deliver remote learning and subsequently allow their older devices to be used within the school too. The PTA are also providing 20 laptops to be shared across the classes and we have been kindly donated a laptop through the 'laptops for schools campaign' organised by Stephen Brown and donated by Richard James Estate Agents. We have also been able to secure a further 15 I-Pads through Sainsbury's. All of these will help us in the short term, and of course when we are all back in school. A big thank you to the PTA, Mr Day, Mrs Goddard and Mrs Tilley for helping to secure these devices.

Regarding broadband improvements, it is important that everyone who has had a Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme email responds to it asap, certainly before 31st March, as otherwise the funding goes away. Also if anyone hasn't already signed up, that they do so. Openreach have cross checked sign ups and reduced percentage sign up from 84% to 74%, due to some duplication. Everyone in Wanborough and Liddington should be encouraged to sign up and get friends and family to do likewise. Mr Woodman has updated the information on https://www.wanborough.info/fibre_broadband.html with the latest status.

Like yourselves, we await with interest the Government's decision about the reopening of schools. February 22nd should see an announcement for March 8th and beyond. Once we are informed we will of course inform you of the school's response and arrangements. With so many things unknown at the moment we have decided not to send report cards this term, however there will be a parents' evening at the End of Term 4 which we still intend to hold.

In the meantime, I would once again encourage everybody who can stay away from school and home educate to do exactly that, until it is deemed safe enough for your child/ren to return. We are fully stretched at school, with recent Key Worker children now joining the R/Yr1 bubble. Until new devices arrive, we are also now at the point that if all Key Worker children attend then we do not have enough devices, so they will need to be shared. If you are considering a Key Worker application please remember when Key Worker parents are not in work, the expectation is that their children should remain at home.



Supported by Swindon Libraries and Prime Theatre, a group of Young Arts Leaders in Swindon have announced a brand-new digital arts festival for the February Half Term. See following link for more information <https://swindonlibraries.wordpress.com/2021/02/05/free-february-arts-fest-launched-by-young-producers/>

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For young people
By young people

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- All other events on Zoom
- Activities open up to age 25
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- Spaces are limited
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	MON 15	TUE 16	WED 17	THU 18	FRI 19
11AM FAMILIES	STORY TIME "The Gruffalo"	COLLAGE Make your own using things around you	STORY TIME "The Gruffalo's Child"	TWEEDY TIME Storytelling with magic and circus	STORY TIME "Room on the Broom"
2PM AGES 8+	DRAMA Fun games and activities	FILM MAKING Using your phone/ tablet	STORIES WITH SIGN Accessible for all with BSL	ANIMATION Stop-motion skills with your phone/tablet	ART BURST Arts activities and games
6PM AGES 11+	RAP Learn how to create your own	PHOTOGRAPHY Using your phone/ tablet	SONGWRITING Explore lyrics and melodies	ACTING Perform a variety of text	WRITING Finding the stories in yourself

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We would like to share another impressive piece of art work created by one of our pupils. Arjun, in Year 4, recently sketched this beautiful butterfly. We love to see and hear what the children are up to so please continue to share any work your child is proud of or any out of school achievements.



After a full-on six weeks, I hope everybody manages to find some peace, quiet and relaxation over half term and hopefully it will start well with lots of cards, chocolates, flowers etc. being enjoyed this Sunday! Everyone should feel very proud of their efforts since January and we look forward to hopefully being together once again in the Spring sunshine!

Yours sincerely,

Mr Drury
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