



Stondon Lower News



The Weekly Round Up

Friday 15th January

We have decided due to a lack of news from school to make a temporary change to our newsletters. We will issue a shortened newsletter every week on a Friday with a round up of the weeks Parent mails and messages from school and also include in one place links to websites that you can access that may support you at home.

On the last Friday of the month, we will again publish our Good News newsletter which will be full of the celebrations of learning going on at home and in school in our Critical worker children's groups. Look out for the first one of those in a few weeks time!

I want to focus a bit on remote learning and our online live sessions. The first thing to say is thank you..! For helping your child to engage with these and for trying out the activities, for your patience with the technical hiccups we have experienced. We think you've been amazing! Just as you aren't teachers (well most of you), none of the teachers are television presenters, nor are they specialists in managing new technologies or supporting parents with troubleshooting with your devices at home. Yet this week, they have had to be both of those things as well as their usual all consuming teacher roles.

We know there are still improvements to be made and sadly it seems as if there is going to be plenty of time to do that. Each teacher is at their own stage of development! We have a great team who are keen to improve and learn from each other but that will take a bit of time. I think we have got off to a flying start and everyone has thrown themselves into this despite some real nerves and anxiety.

Please do not fall into the trap of thinking that remote teaching is the same as classroom teaching. It is very different and it is really difficult to respond to the needs of individual learners in the same way. We always ask our children to do their best as learners. We ask you as parents to do your best to support them. I promise we are also doing our best to help you to help them.

I hope you aren't yet tired of hearing this... but we really are in this together!

Miss Woodham

Top Tips for successful home learning

Chunk learning time

Have small chunks of learning time with breaks in between.



Keep it positive

Keep things positive and always end learning sessions on a high note



Take frequent breaks

Breaks should be long enough the rest and reset but not so long that the learning mindset is lost.



Do what works for you!



Be flexible and find what works for you and your family. Everybody's situation is different

Don't Worry!!

Even the best plans don't always work out and that's ok! If something doesn't go to plan, try again the next day!



Important: Live sessions protocols

*We will have 2 adults on each live session either in the room or logged on. Please also be in the same room as your child for safeguarding reasons.

*Be aware that allowing you have the camera function on, creates additional stresses, concerns and paperwork for me that could almost stop this happening! **Please support me by making sure everything is appropriate:** Including everyone's clothing, language used by adults in the household at the time of the session, use of teachers protocols when asked, like mute, hands up, no chat function, appropriate background behind your child, location of device being used and that your child is as focused as possible bearing in mind age and stage.

*If you miss a live session...it's ok...! It happens—don't panic! You are all managing a lot! Don't compare your situation to any one else. Be kind to yourself.