

**REMEMBER...WE ARE A NUT FREE SCHOOL**

**NEWSLETTER 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parents & Carers,

**Winter Grant Scheme**

In a week when it has been bitterly cold the East Riding of Yorkshire Council has released information about the Winter Grant Scheme. Full details of this and how to apply can be found on page 2. It is definitely worth reading as you may be eligible to financial support.

**Remote Learning**

I have been so impressed by the quality of work being submitted each day. Your engagement with home learning has been fantastic. We know that sticking to the school timetable is not always possible, especially when so many members of families are working at home. Remember, teachers are online throughout the day and can be messaged via Seesaw or Google Classroom. Don't worry if you complete work in a different order. Just remember to show your teachers what work you have done. You can submit work that you have completed via Google Classroom. You can also take a photo and put it on Seesaw. If you have done any work on paper you can even drop this in at the school office – leave it on the shelf in the entrance and we will pass this on to your teachers. Please remember mark your work clearly with your name.

**Workbooks**

Thank you for collecting the workbooks we have provided for children in Years 1-6. Teachers have now started to include pages from these books in the remote learning activities set. Children should only complete the pages set by their teacher. Please do not be tempted to rush ahead and complete other pages.

**Places in School**

I know I sound like a cracked record but...School Is Closed. We can only offer places to vulnerable children and children of critical workers who are on shift.

The record numbers of deaths reported this week should serve as a reminder that being in school must be a last resort. Please do not request a place at school if your child can stay at home – even if you are a critical worker. In some classes we have more than 50% of children attending. We are doing everything we can to keep our children as safe as possible but we must also consider our staff and their families.

**Thank You**

I must stress that the vast majority of our families continue to move heaven and earth to keep children at home as much as possible. I am so thankful to you for the sacrifices you are making to keep us safe.

Thank you for your support.

Stay safe,

Katie Tracey Headteacher

*What have you been doing this week?*



More photos on Page 3!

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## **WINTER GRANT SCHEME**

### **You May Be Eligible for Financial Support**

On 10 November 2020, the Government announced funding to East Riding of Yorkshire Council to support those most in need with the cost of food, energy (Heating, cooking, lighting), water bills (including sewerage) and other essentials. The aim is to give vulnerable households peace of mind in the run up to Christmas and over the Winter months during the pandemic, so children will be warm and well-fed this winter. Our original scheme was launched 7 December 2020 and closed 20 December 2020. We have now re-opened the scheme for NEW applicants which will close 31 January 2021.

Due to the limited nature of the funding available, East Riding of Yorkshire Council will implement the Winter Grant Scheme as a discretionary scheme in a phased approach, until the one-off funding has been fully utilised.

The funding available will not be sufficient to provide support to all vulnerable individuals and families, therefore we have prioritised the funding, as follows:

- To support households with children, where the applicant meets the criteria to entitle a child to free school meals
- To support households who have claimed universal credit since 23 March and whose income is less than £16,000 annually
- To support individuals who have a social care package and have seen an increase in their household food and fuel since 23 March 2020
- To support individuals where their annual income is less than £13,600 annually

Where an applicant is successful, they will receive:

- £45.00 for food per child
- £30 per household for utilities
- Where an application is submitted for essential items, this will be determined on a case by case basis. The Council will not award grants where funds are no longer available to do so.

**For more information, criteria of the grants and how to apply, go to <https://covid19.eastriding.gov.uk/support/>**

**Where residents may not be eligible for this grant, the Council has a benefit eligibility checker, this can be used to see if parents are entitled to other forms of financial support <http://www.budget.entitledto.co.uk/eastriding/budgets>**

**The Council also have an emergency assistance scheme available to residents who have had an interruption to their income and where they require support to remain in the Community, for more information, criteria of the grants and how to apply, go to <https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/living/emergency-assistance/>**

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# Making the Most of Remote Learning...



Chillin' with a good book after a hard day's work!



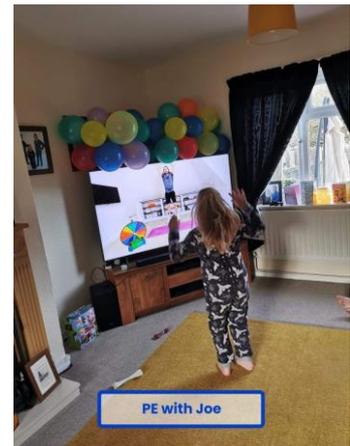
Whether it's feeding the birds or making family treats...we are great at cooking!



Even Cooper, Ava's dog, has to get on with Remote Learning!



Great to see life skills are being developed...great job Harvey & Emilia!



Nothing like PE with Joe to start the day!

