# Houghton Regis

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# Newsletter

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We hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well during these extraordinary times.

# Home Learning

We are delighted at the number of children who are engaging with home learning and I am now sharing aspects of home learning in a blog style on the school website. This will include pictures and samples of pupils work completed both in school and remotely during this lockdown 3 period. Please look at the home learning section of the website to view this information. You will also find a range of useful links to resources available online.

### Word of the week

We will continue the 'Word of the week', which is a fantastic way for your child to broaden and extend their vocabulary. Typically the teachers will announce the word in class and on google classrooms on a Monday. Please encourage your child to use the word in variety of context. The child that has used the word most effectively in their written work will be rewarded.

# Assemblies

I will be leading assemblies each week which will be placed onto google classroom. These are for the whole school but will focus on a phase per week. Star awards will be given out to 'in school' pupils by their phase leader and I will present star awards to pupils working remotely via 'avatars.' Please tune into the videos to see if your child has received an award. The videos will be posted every Friday. Pupils at home will have certificates posted to their homes once these have been presented to an 'avatar.'

Four star awards per class will be awarded during the focus week for their phase.

22.01.21: **Phase A** (Years 1 and 2/ KS1) 29.01.21: **Phase B** (Years 3 and 4/ Lower KS2) 05.02.21: **Phase C** (Years 5 and 6 / Upper KS2) 12.02.21: **Early Years** (Nursery and Reception)













#### Parent Governor Vacancy

The successful candidate for the parent governor vacancy was Mr Glyn Chapman. Glyn has daughters in Year 2 and Nursery at Houghton Regis and is also a serving police officer specialising in intelligence. We also have some new co-opted governors including Mrs Deborah Pargeter, MBE who many of you will know already. Please have a look at the governors' section of our website to see the full profiles of our board.

#### Covid Updates

We will continue to update the school website, under the Covid tab, with information including the latest figures from Central Bedfordshire Council.

If you and any members of your family have tested positive for Coronavirus and are isolating, could we ask that you please continue to inform the school office, the contact details are below.

#### School Office opening hours

If you wish to contact the school for any reason, the school office team continue to work from 8.30am to 4pm. If you need assistance outside of these hours, there is the option to either send an email to <u>office@houghtonregisprimary.co.uk</u> or leave a message on 01582 867487 which the office team will respond to during the hours outlined above.

Where it is relevant, you can contact your class teacher on the dedicated email address which is simply the colour name of the class followed by @houghtonregisprimary.co.uk

As always we wish you good health and hope you have a great weekend.

James Edwards

Mr J Edwards Headteacher