



East Sheen Primary School

Newsletter

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Welcome to the Spring Term 2021

It doesn't feel quite right to be making the usual Happy New Year wishes as we would normally do in our first newsletter of the calendar year. However, we must stay positive and look forward to the time when school does return to a more normal footing. We must also say thank you for all the wonderful wishes and presents that arrived in school at Christmas—we were truly spoiled by our wonderful community. However, the most special thing of all was the round of applause on the final day from the parents to the staff, it was such an emotional moment and meant so much—thank you!



We hope you manage to enjoy the weekend in spite of the restrictions currently in place. Once again, thank you for your continued support for the school at this difficult time.

Places for Vulnerable children and Key Worker Children

We have a duty to limit attendance to reduce the number of contacts we all have with people in other households, especially in light of the very high number of cases and intense pressure on the NHS. Our onsite provision for vulnerable children and children of critical workers continues in order to safeguard their welfare and ensure that **essential services can continue to function**. However, we are appealing to parents only to send eligible children to school if they cannot safely be cared for at home. The latest guidance published by the government states that, **Parents and carers who are critical workers should keep their children at home if they can**. Currently numbers in school are significantly higher than during the first lockdown. The faster we can bring the cases down, the sooner everyone will be back in school. **Thank you !**

Home Learning



We have been so impressed by the engagement and effort of the children during this first week of home learning. Thank you for the support you are providing at home—we know it isn't easy! The teachers are delighted with the quality of work being submitted.

A couple of pleas from our teachers, when uploading children's completed work: please submit in the aspect that it is created, i.e. if a drawing is landscape submit as landscape on Teams; and encourage your children not to post so many emojis as this pings as a notification for everyone in the team.



Please can you also remind children to behave responsibly online and let them know that the school staff, including the Headship Team, can see what is written in Team chats—we will be checking in!

To support home learning beyond the lessons provided by teachers, we have updated our website with a list of some of the extensive resources that can be accessed online, please follow the link

<https://www.eastsheen.richmond.sch.uk/page/?title=Learning+at+Home&pid=9&action=saved>

Finally, if you have any problems accessing your child's work for any reason please do contact the school and we will do our best to help.