

Dear Parents

Well, we've managed to get to the end of another week of Lockdown! I'm not sure how you are feeling, but all the parents in my children's class are ready for a break! We know juggling remote learning with your own commitments is almost impossible and once again, we just want to say how much we appreciate all the support you are providing. Next week should be a little different and will hopefully provide a bit of a break from screen-time.

Book Collection

You should now have received communication from your child's class teacher regarding arrangements for dropping off your child's home learning books/folders. Please do bring these in as it is important for us to see how much the children have engaged in their home learning, especially in the tasks that you have not 'turned in'. Books will be reviewed and your child will receive feedback in the form of one over-arching comment.

Healthy House Challenge

I have attached the latest version of the activity grid for children to complete and this will also be posted on Google Classroom. Please print it out and highlight accordingly as your child completes activities - as we mentioned before this can be done any day between Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th February inclusive. We are aware that many of you have work commitments (and the weather may also play a role in deciding which day to complete the challenge) so we wanted to give you some flexibility.

Work will be set on Monday & Tuesday and will include activities for Feeling Good Week. No work will be set on the Wednesday, so you are able to organise the first 3 days of the week in the best way for you. Tasks will then be posted for all children to complete on the Thursday and Friday as normal. Teachers are being mindful of screen time during this week and many are setting mini projects, as well as completing units that need to be finished by half term.

Please submit all points collected by 4pm on Wednesday 10th February using the Google Form that can be accessed here: [House Challenge Day points](#) . Alternatively, the link can also be accessed via the activity grid itself.

Children who are currently attending school in critical worker bubbles will be completing the Healthy House Challenge as well. Teachers will let you know which day this will occur, so please ensure your children are dressed appropriately for exercise and wear trainers. They will also require a warm coat as they will go outdoors as much as possible.

We hope the children enjoy the variety that this week offers and that it reduces the pressure on you as parents for the week. You can do as much or as little as you want during this House

Challenge day - just have fun! The winning House, along with special mentions for each class, will be announced on Friday 12th February in Mr Bridle's assembly.

House Names

Thank you to those of you who have submitted ideas for the re-naming of the 'houses' that we use at Skyswood. Other ideas are still welcome and we will shortlist on Monday morning. On Monday afternoon you will receive a ParentMail with a link to a Google Form so that each child can vote for their favourite idea.

School will be closed for all children over Half Term and we hope to hear more from the Government on our return regarding plans for the re-opening of schools. Have a lovely weekend and we hope next week gives everyone a boost.

Many thanks,

Lisa Spiller

(Assistant Head Teacher)