



# VALE OF EVESHAM SCHOOL

Monthly Newsletter: January 2021



This month we focus on home school learning as well as introducing our new ParentPay system

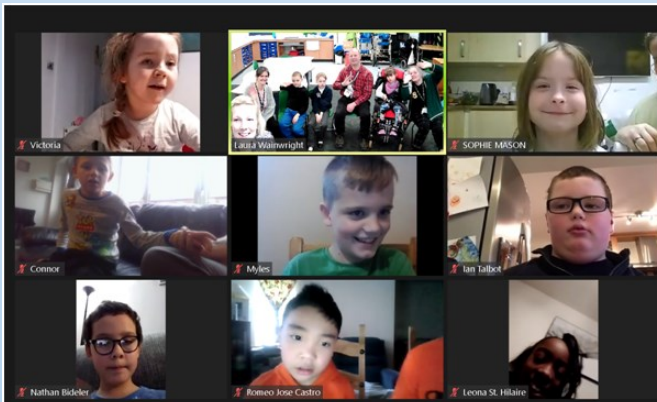
## Welcome Back!

We do hope that you all managed to have a restful Christmas break.

We have had a very unusual start to our January term, and we would like to thank you all for remaining patient and fully co-operating with the 'new normal'.

The teachers have done a fantastic job at creating engaging and fun home learning tasks. We have been fortunate enough to make use of the fabulous IT equipment and tools that we have available, and have been successfully offering Zoom lessons to those students who are home learning throughout the current Lockdown.

Hazel Class enjoying their Zoom Lesson:



## Registration:

Please be aware that it is a requirement for all pupils partaking in home learning to register daily by 9:15am at the latest, this is to be done via the class Dojo or Tapestry learning platforms. Alternatively please phone the school reception.

## Key Dates:

Friday 12th February 2021—  
Last Day of Term.

Monday 22nd February  
2021—Start of Term.

## Lateral Flow Tests (LFT):

100% of staff are now being tested twice weekly and serial testing (7 days continuous) has now been stopped by the government.

## ParentPay:

On 1st February, Vale of Evesham School will have a live ParentPay system. This exciting new introduction will hopefully make payment for school meals, snack, cookery and trips (once these resume) online much easier. Full details are on the reverse of this newsletter. Keep an eye out for your login details coming soon!

## Cheques:

For parents and carers still wishing to pay by cheque, please note that cheques should be made out to: 'CLPT—Worcester Hub'.

### ParentPay - our new online payment service

We are pleased to announce that we will shortly be accepting payments online for items such as dinner money, school trips and uniform. Using a secure website called ParentPay you will be able to pay online using your credit / debit card or continue to make cash payments at PayPoint stores. ParentPay will be our preferred method of making payments to school.

#### What are the benefits to parents & pupils?

- ParentPay is easy-to-use and will offer you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24/7
- The technology used is of the highest internet security available ensuring that your money will reach school safely - offering you peace of mind
- Payments can be made by credit/debit card or also through PayPoint.
- Full payment histories, balance alerts and statements are available to you securely online at anytime

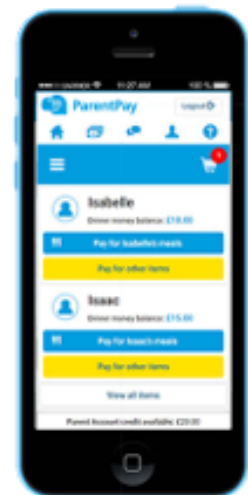
#### What are the benefits to our school?

- You can help us reduce workloads for all staff as no more counting cash, chasing debt and stop cash collection services
- Creates more time to lend to educational support and the smooth running of the school
- Improves school security
- Using ParentPay also ensures that all financial transactions are safe and secure - helping us to remove costs associated with us having to manage cash securely on the school premises
- The more parents that use ParentPay, the greater the benefit is to our school.

### How to get started with ParentPay?

We will send you your account activation details. Once you receive these:

- Visit [www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)
- Enter your Activation username and password in the Account Login section of the homepage  
NB. These are for one-time use only, please choose your own username and password for future access during the activation process
- Provide all the necessary information and choose your new username and password for your account - registering your email address will enable us to send you receipts and reminders
- Once activation is complete you can go straight to Items for payment, select which item(s) you want to add to your basket and proceed to complete your payment



If you have any questions, please contact the school finance office. For more information, visit [www.parentpay.com/parents/](http://www.parentpay.com/parents/)