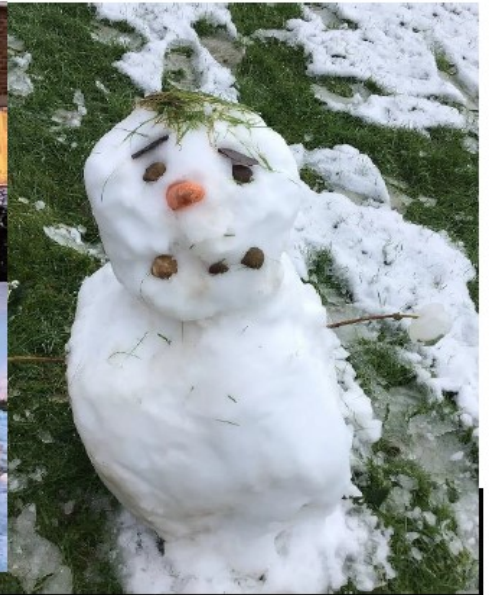


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I hope that you and your families are keeping safe and well, we send our best wishes.

At the moment, I have no news as to when School will be opening for all children, but look forward to the news from the Government and the plans for reopening soon.

I fully appreciate how tricky Remote Learning is for some families. All of our families are in different positions, and trying to cater for everyone's needs is very difficult to perform.

## Remote Learning

Well done to all of the children with their remote learning. Everyone is trying really hard and I have been very impressed with some of the work that the children have uploaded onto the eSchool learning platform.

Details concerning our Remote Learning can be found on the School website. A link can be found on the Homepage. [www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk](http://www.cranwell.lincs.sch.uk)

## Live Lessons

I have received one or two emails from parents concerning Live Lessons, and questioning why our school cannot provide them throughout the day. We continually review what we can effectively provide here from our school and try to balance this with the teaching commitments our staff have.

Most schools in Lincolnshire have less than 20% of their roll on-site as keyworkers. We are currently running with over 35% of our school having keyworker places. This has created a high number of children in classes. Balancing these high numbers with remote learning is very challenging. Teachers are currently teaching close to their normal hours in class. We also have a number of staff shielding, therefore, their roles within school are having to be picked up by other members of staff.

We did trial Live lessons by placing a laptop in front of the teacher during lessons. However, with the other children in the class, and the teacher moving around the class, this did not work. Not only did the teacher not appear on the users screen, but the user could not hear the teacher nor see what was on the whiteboard.

Additionally, the amount of families who are struggling with limited ICT hardware, and several children makes it difficult to provide live lessons. Some families with secondary school children and primary children have real pressures on computer availability within the home. With a shared device, we have to appreciate that some families with 3 or 4 children may have to attend 3 or 4 Teams registrations in the morning, and these cannot be conducted at the same times. Some families are also struggling with wifi connectivity or their internet drops in and out.

There is no Government directive to ensure there are Live lessons. Schools are allowed to provide pre-recorded lessons, using White Rose maths, Oak Academy or BBC Bitesize. Mrs Clark and I are continually monitoring the Live Registrations and lesson summary's in the mornings. It has been lovely to see the children's work that they have been sharing during these sessions. Thank you to the parents who have written to school stating how useful these sessions have been.

I appreciate the position we are in is difficult. It is tricky in different ways for different families, whether it be financial, remote learning, well-being or even the loss of a loved one. A big thank you to all of the parents who have emailed their support for the online Remote Learning we are providing.

## Reading Books Online.

We are currently looking into an online reading book platform to help with reading at home.

More details to follow.

## If your child is absent

Please contact the school office and not the class teacher if your child is absent from school. Please only email teachers relating to class issues.

## Keyworkers

Keyworker documentation for after half-term will be coming out shortly.

If you are a Keyworker, and you are working from home and are able to look after your children at home, then they should be at home.

## Covid-19 Testing for Staff

From this week, the Government are providing COVID-19 tests known as a 'lateral flow device' tests for all school staff.

Along with the other protective measures we are taking, testing of staff will allow us to take further measures to help pupils and staff to remain in school. Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing we will help to reduce the spread in school through asymptomatic transmission.

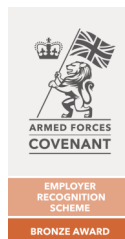
Staff who have opted-in will undertake two lateral device tests per week.

If a staff member tests positive on a lateral flow device, it may result in us having to close a bubble. The staff member will then take a further 'PCR test' to confirm the result. If the PCR test returns a positive result they will have to continue to self-isolate and follow the guidance from NHS Test and Trace. If the PCR test returns a negative result, then the isolation period ends upon confirmation from Lincolnshire Public Health and the member of staff and bubble can return to school.

## Crazy Hair Day

On the last day of Term 3 (Friday 12th February 2021) we will have a 'Crazy Hair Day'. Make sure you join your 'Teams' Meeting with the craziest hair you can! Even Mr Wilson will have crazy hair!!

This is just for fun!!!



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## PTA

Chair person- Mrs Ellie Puet

Vice Chair- Mrs Rachel McConnell

Treasurer- Mrs Katie Martin

Vice Treasurer- Mrs Katherine Wells

Secretary- Mrs Emma Pickles

Our next PTA meeting online is Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 14:00 if anyone would like to join, please email [cranwellpta@outlook.com](mailto:cranwellpta@outlook.com)

## If it Snows

If you are unsure whether the school will be open on a day when it snows, please listen to BBC Radio Lincolnshire and Lincs FM, their respective websites and Parentmail which will all provide relevant information as to whether we are open or not. A decision may not be made until 8am, therefore remain at home until the latest time possible to safely travel to school. Please note, even when these establishments are contacted by school, it can often take a considerable time for the information to be available for broadcasting or uploading

## Snow Pictures

A big thank you to the children who sent in their snow pictures. What wonderful snow creations you have made. Mrs Clark and I have put a selection together within this Newsletter.

## Coronavirus

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If you have any of these symptoms, get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

## Moved House?

If you move house please ensure that you update the school office immediately in order to keep our records accurate.

## Parentmail

Please remember to check your emails daily as school news and information will be sent via ParentMail.

Kind regards,

Mr Chris Wilson

Headteacher



## Term Dates

### Academic Year 2020-2021

End of Term 3 : Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Feb 2021

Term 4: Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb – Wed 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

Term 5 : Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Term 6 : Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Jun – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

### Academic Year 2021-2022

Term 1 : Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Sept - Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct 2021

Term 2: Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2021

Term 3: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January – Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022

Term 4: Mon 21<sup>st</sup> Feb – Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022

Term 5 : Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Apr – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Term 6 : Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jun – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

# BE SMART ONLINE



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### SAFE

Keep your personal information safe. When chatting or posting online don't give away things like your full name, password or home address. Remember personal information can be seen in images and videos you share too. Keep them safe to keep yourself safe.



## M

### MEET

Meeting up with someone you only know online, even a friend of a friend, can be dangerous as this person is still a stranger. If someone you only know online ever asks you to meet up, for personal information or for photos/videos of you then tell an adult straight away and report them together on [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

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## A

### ACCEPTING

Think carefully before you click on or open something online (e.g. links, adverts, friend requests, photos) as you never know where they may lead to or they may contain viruses. Do not accept something if you are unsure of who the person is or what they've sent you.



## R

### RELIABLE

You cannot trust everything you see online as some things can be out of date, inaccurate or not entirely true. To find reliable information compare at least three different websites, check in books and talk to someone about what you have found.



## T

### TELL

Tell a trusted adult if something or someone ever makes you feel upset, worried or confused. This could be if you or someone you know is being bullied online. There are lots of people who will be able to help you like your teachers, parents, carers or contact Childline – 0800 11 11 or [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)



## BE SMART WITH A HEART

Remember to always be smart with a heart by being kind and respectful to others online. Make the internet a better place by helping your friends if they are worried or upset by anything that happens online.



