

A note from Mr Watson

I hope you continue to be safe and well during this time. It has been a rather strange and busy few weeks and certainly not the ones we were expecting or hoping to begin the new year with. However, we are all where we need to be in order to keep ourselves and everyone safe.

Your resilience, patience and understanding has been very much appreciated at a time where we have all needed to adjust and adapt to the new challenges of remote teaching and learning. We will endeavour to ensure that our remote learning subject offer continues to mirror the children's usual as much as possible. Our provision has been purposely designed to provide quality teaching and learning along with the balance and flexibility that our families require at this time. More information about our remote learning offer can be found on our school website: [CGPS Remote Learning Information for Parents](#)

It is essential that your child engages with the home learning tasks set. We appreciate there may be times when some flexibility is needed and in these instances, your child should complete as much as they can - the most important thing is quality over quantity and that our pupils have tried their very best. Please attempt to meet deadlines or submit completed tasks soon after. However, please be mindful that late submission may result in a delay in marking or feedback.

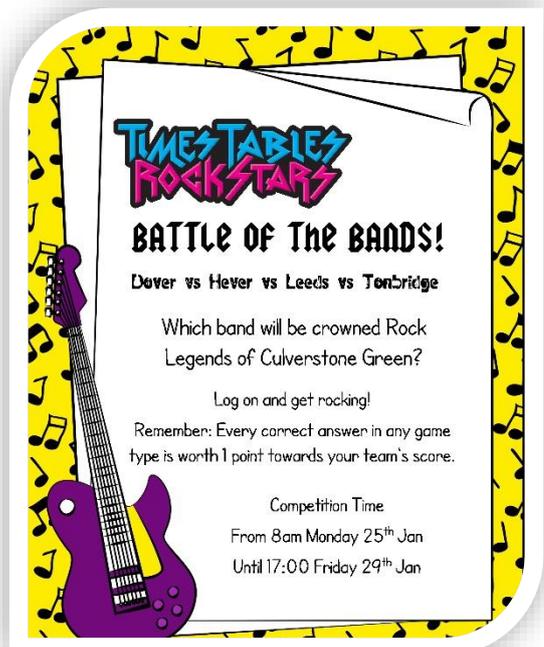
As we continually evaluate our remote education provision to ensure quality delivery of our planned curriculum for all; teachers are always available during school hours to answer questions - please ensure that any contact with teachers or school staff is constructive and respectful.

From next week, Monday mornings will begin with a google hangout for each class. It is important to maintain a clear transition when returning to 'school mode' after the weekend - sharing news and updates, enabling the children to engage with their peers at the beginning of the week is a great way to get into the learning mind-set for the week ahead. Invites will be sent by class teachers and throughout the week, there will be further opportunities to connect via hangouts or live interactions which will be communicated by class teachers on Google Classroom. We will continue to plan further ideas to engage and motivate the children while learning remotely, watch this space....

Marking and feedback

Please download the **google classroom app** on your devices in order to receive the full benefits of Google Classroom. This way you will receive notifications of teacher feedback as this is not always functional within the browser option.

Teachers regularly mark and feedback on your child's work. This will take different forms depending on the task set and will aim to celebrate the children's efforts. There may be times when feedback is given to help pupils improve their work, but this will be carried out constructively and sensitively so that pupils are able to progress without affecting their confidence or minimising the effort they have shown.



Times Table Rock Stars Battle



Calling all Key Stage 2 Rockers – it's time for a rock battle. Next week, we will be hosting a key stage 2 times table battle on TT Rock Stars. Every correct answer will add a point to your team – All points are equal. Good luck and watch this space for some Pathway Academy Trust-Wide battles.

Lovely Competition for 4-9 Year Olds



Your child's drawing could be printed in One Hundred Steps: The Story of Captain Sir Tom Moore

To enter, children aged 4–9 are invited to draw a picture of their grandparent's (or older adult in their lives) proudest moment, for the chance to win this prize PLUS a deluxe afternoon tea delivered to your child and their grandparent and a copy of the book!

Further information and details of how to enter, [click here](#):

From next week, we will be introducing screen-free Wednesday afternoons. We recognise at this time that children are spending even more time on devices or looking at screens so we want to give them some much needed time away from them. On Wednesday afternoons, each teacher will set activities and challenges for their own class which will not require the use of a screen - look out for instructions from your teachers on Google Classroom.

SCREEN-FREE

Teachers will continue to be available and contactable during this time.

Remote Learning Activities

Our school website 'Home Learning Page', has a wealth of resources and activities for you to try at home – including the weekly workouts and exercise sessions with Dave, our coach from Inspire Sports.

[Home Learning](#)



Sharing - We would love to see what you are doing at home. The learning and the new things you have tried. It's important to continue to celebrate your successes with the school community and inspire others. Your teachers would love for you to share your photos or videos; it would really make them smile.

Christmas door competition

Well done to Paddington Class (Year 2) who were the overall winners of our Christmas door competition. It was a tough decision, as you no doubt saw from the pictures on our Facebook page. Thank you to Gail Cox, our Chair of Governors, for judging the competition and choosing the winner. Paddington class won £20 to spend on additional play equipment.

Well done everyone, it really did add some festive cheer to the school!



A Final Note

Thank you all for your continued support, understanding and engagement during this difficult time. Thank you for the lovely, positive comments we have received! They are very much appreciated by all the staff and make such a difference. The school is here to help you all as much as we can. Should you require any additional support or have particular difficulties or concerns, please contact the school office and they will be able to put you into contact with the right member of staff. For all general classroom or remote learning enquiries, please continue to do this via the year group email addresses.



Have a lovely and restful weekend everyone, stay safe and well! **Mr Watson**