

A note from Mr Watson

I hope you continue to be safe and well during this time. Well we have made it and reached the end of what has seemed a long and very busy term. I have been so struck by the sheer resilience, commitment, effort and energy that everyone has shown with ensuring that remote learning is as successful as possible.

A particular thank you to all our parents for your resilience, hard work and commitment to support the children and school with accessing the remote learning provision! Remember to take some time to pat yourselves on the back and appreciate how much you are all doing.

Thank you so much for your support and understanding this term and for your continued positive comments and encouragement towards the teachers for all the hard work and commitment– thank you, it really does make such a difference.

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and thank the staff for their continued hard work and commitment to providing high quality remote learning and support for our pupils

As always, our children are an inspiration to us all showing their resilience, effort and eagerness to learn throughout.

Head Teacher's Awards

W/B 25/1/2021

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| Elmer Class | Oliver, Sebastian |
| Gruffalo Class | Darcey, Enrico |
| Paddington Class | Imogen, Betsy |
| Varjak Class | Harley, Amy |
| Hedwig Class | Henry, Sophia |
| Aslan Class | Flynn, Maisy |
| Wolf Class | Rylee, Thomas |

W/B 1/2/2021

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| Elmer Class | Ellie, Marnie |
| Gruffalo Class | Pixie, Ethan |
| Paddington Class | Logan, Chloe |
| Varjak Class | Kyle, Oliver |
| Hedwig Class | Ava, Oliver T |
| Aslan Class | Poppy, Daniel |
| Wolf Class | Ellis, Bebe |

If your child has Special Educational Needs and/or a disability, this website has a toolkit of resources, activities and support to help you and your family during lockdown. [Parents' Toolkit: SEND - BBC Bitesize](#)

Over the past few weeks, the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis has once again brought a lot of sudden changes for families with children. Parenting can be very rewarding. However, in these uncertain and challenging times you may be feeling stressed as you try to balance work, childcare and self-care while dealing with worries – both your children's and your own. Please use the following links to some of the best reliable and free sources of information and advice to help you and your family to cope under lockdown.

[coping-family-life-during-lockdown-guide.pdf \(berkshirewestccg.nhs.uk\)](https://www.berkshirewestccg.nhs.uk/coping-family-life-during-lockdown-guide.pdf)

[helping-cyp-manage-anxiety-apr2020-v3.pdf](https://www.nhs.uk/mentalhealth/cyp/helping-cyp-manage-anxiety-apr2020-v3.pdf)

For advice on supporting your child's emotional and mental health during this time please visit: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/supporting-your-child-during-the-coronavirus-pandemic/>

Young Minds have created a useful 'Supporting Parents Helpfinder'. By answering six questions, parents can find out how to support their child's mental health during the pandemic (and beyond).



Well done to the Head Teacher award winners. Keep up the great effort and keep working hard. This week it could be you!

Find the help finder here: <https://youngminds.org.uk/supporting-parents-helpfinder/>

TPAT Times Table Rock Stars Battle



The TT rockstars 'Top of The Rocks' battle finishes at **7pm today** so there is still time to compete for CGPS to be the Trust winning school. Keep going everyone, lets finish strong!!

CGPS- Times Table Rock Stars top rockers

Most Valuable Player - Aryaan – Leeds
2nd Most Valuable Player – Taylor - Hever
3rd Most Valuable Player – Kyle – Hever

Well done to **Leeds house**, the overall winners of the battle.

Well done for the effort shown by everyone who participated,

Requests for school places

As a school, we continue to receive regular requests for school places during this period of school closure and partial lockdown and have seen a weekly increase in the numbers attending school since returning in January. While we appreciate completely the complexities and challenges of working from home and children having to access school work remotely, especially if you as parents are continuing to work from home yourselves, the number of children now regularly attending school is very high. We would like to be able to accommodate as many families as possible but as a school we have a responsibility to offer places to our critical worker families and vulnerable children first. We also have a duty and responsibility to keep our numbers in school as low as possible to minimise any potential outbreaks or spread of the infection.

The DFE guidance remains that **if children can work at home, they should work at home** during this time. We are fast approaching the position in some year groups where we cannot accept any further admissions due to the high numbers; we want to avoid having to refuse a place to someone who is genuinely in need of a place due to their critical work status or a pupil vulnerability.

DFE guidance on critical worker criteria can be found at: [Children of critical workers and vulnerable children who can access schools or educational settings - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/children-of-critical-workers-and-vulnerable-children-who-can-access-schools-or-educational-settings)

The school continues to be here to offer as much support as possible to our pupils and families during this time, whether it is supporting pupils with work, issues with internet connection, availability of devices or signposting support during lockdown. Should you require such support or advice or would like to talk to a senior member of staff, please contact the school office and they can put you in contact with the right person.

Any enquiries with regards to your child's learning should be made to their class teacher via the year group email in the first instance.

Sharing –

We have been sharing some of the wonderful learning that our children have been doing at home and in school. It has been truly inspiring to see the amount of effort they have put in, the creativity they have shown, the pride they take in their work and the different varieties of work being produced – thank you and well done!

Why not have a look on our Facebook page and like the posts showing the wonderful work of our children and don't forget to share your learning and activities with your teachers and put a smile on their face.

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](#)



Trust Poetry Competition

The results of the Poetry Competition have been sent to parents by email today and we are very proud to announce that several Culverstone Green children, parents and staff were winners.



A £10 book voucher goes to Debbie Maxted for winning the Parents/Carers category and Phil Jack for winning the Trust Staff category.

Commendations were given to Poppy H and Sophia S in KS2 and CGPS staff member Dawn Holden.

Well done to all those who participated, it was lovely to see so many of the CGPS community represented!



Reminder:

The school will be closed to all pupils next week for half term. School will re-open for key worker and vulnerable children on Monday 22nd February. All other children will continue to use Google Classroom for home learning.

Parking

Despite being in lockdown and having fewer pupils in school, we have continued to receive regular complaints from local residents regarding the parking of some parents outside the school and in the surrounding areas. Please be considerate in the way you park:

- **don't block driveways or entrances,**
- **don't leave your car idling**
- **don't block the bus stops.**

Inconsiderate parking is not fair to our local residents and community who need access to their properties and in many instances it is illegal! There is plenty of parking available at Culverstone Community Centre, located on Whitepost Lane, which is a short walk to school.



A Final Note

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half term. Remember to take some time away from work to relax and reenergise and look after your whole wellbeing.

Whatever you are doing, stay safe and stay well!

Mr Watson