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January Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

I'd like to wish you all a Happy new year and hope that you and your families are all well. Although we are in a new Lockdown, we are still here for you as we always have been. Things are a little different at the moment, but we want to support you as much as we can. Please ring us if we can help.

New staff

Ms Rupreet Basra has joined our leadership team as our new Assistant Headteacher for Inclusion. This is a new role in school and includes the SENCO role. Mrs Maryam Tellia also joins our SEN team as a Teaching and Learning Partner. I'm sure you would like to join me in welcoming them to Margaret McMillan.

Health and Safety

We are back in a new lockdown in order to slow the transmission of the Covid-19 virus and I would like to thank you all for your efforts. In order to make sure Margaret McMillan Primary is as Covid safe as possible, please make sure you wear a mask at all times on school grounds or when entering the building – even just to go to the office. Please do not approach staff at the classroom door – keep a 2m distance. Although we are open for children of Key workers and vulnerable children, the over-riding principle is that **if you can keep your child at home, then you should.**

I have been asked to remind everyone that during lockdown, there should be no mixing of households. This means that people living in one house should not be meeting or visiting others who live in a different house.

Remote/online learning

I would like to say a huge thank you to all of you who are helping your children learn at home via the SeeSaw app. Nearly all the children are regularly using the app and we have had lots of positive feedback from parents and children. We are really impressed with what the children are doing with your support. The Government expects children to engage with learning at home during this lockdown. Therefore you must encourage your child to do the work posted every day on SeeSaw. If you are having any difficulty accessing or completing the work, your child's class teacher can help. Please give us a ring at school and we can arrange for someone to call you. The work we post on SeeSaw will help your child to keep up with their learning so they don't get behind. We will contact you if we do not see your child posting work to see if we can help.

Places for Reception and Nursery September 2021

If your child needs a place in school for September you should have applied for a school place. If you have not done this yet – please get in touch with Jane Grogan in our school office.

Thank you for your continued support, stay safe,
Lorraine Martin
Headteacher

