



# Newsletter

8th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

## Happy New Year

Goodbye 2020 – hello 2021! I hope that you had a good Christmas break, despite the more recent developments. A happy, healthy new year to one and all from everyone at Goose Green.



## Here we go again: Lockdown Take 3

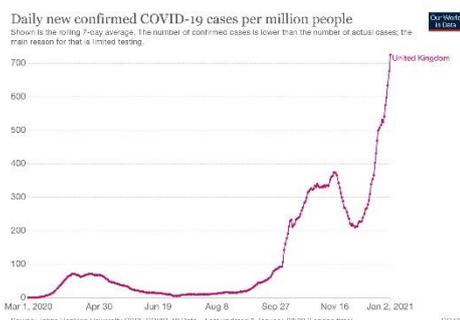
Of course things continue to change quickly and we are starting the year in an unexpected way. Without wanting to get too political, the transition to remote learning could have been managed quite differently with some governmental strategic thinking and forward-planning. This continues to be in short supply.

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PROUD  
OF YOU**

In contrast, we have spent quite a lot of time learning from our previous lockdown experience and planning ahead to ensure that we were ready when the time came for another bout of remote learning. With little notice, school staff have pulled together in order to ensure that the school is able to offer the provision that is currently in place. I hope that you will join with me in thanking the staff for their amazing achievements at such short notice. I am extremely proud of all of the staff and what they have been able to organise – well done team! I am also enormously proud of the children who have engaged with the learning quickly and with enthusiasm. Finally, I must also say a massive well done to parents and carers – I know very well the challenges of helping children to access their remote learning whilst working from home. Keep it up!

## Key Worker Places – On-site Provision

The school building remains open for children of keyworkers and those who are defined as 'vulnerable'. We are very happy to be providing this offer to families who need it. Having said that, we now have almost 100 children due to come into school next week, almost 30% of the school population. May I politely request that you only take up these places if you are unable to cope at home – the whole point of the lockdown is that we minimise contacts in order to limit the risk to the school community and others in the local area. Where you can, stay at home and stay safe. Please contact the office if you would like to amend the days that you have booked for your children.



## Maths joke of the week

When we said flatten the curve we should have specified 'along the x axis'.

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Please feel free to ask the office for a hard copy of the safeguarding policy if you would like to receive one.

## Spread the love

Goose Green wanted to share some joy and love over these isolating and worrying times. We have joined forces with the incredible staff at Kings College hospital to share some of our children's incredible work and talents. Over the Christmas period the voices of Year 6 could be heard singing beautiful Christmas songs in the wards and staff offices. We will continue to spread some happiness through 2021.



**King's College Hospital**  
NHS Foundation Trust

**Do you need some help with a device or with data?** If so please contact the office and we will see what we can do to help. We have limited numbers of devices that we can lend out and we have some solutions to support you with your connectivity – please let us know if you need some support.

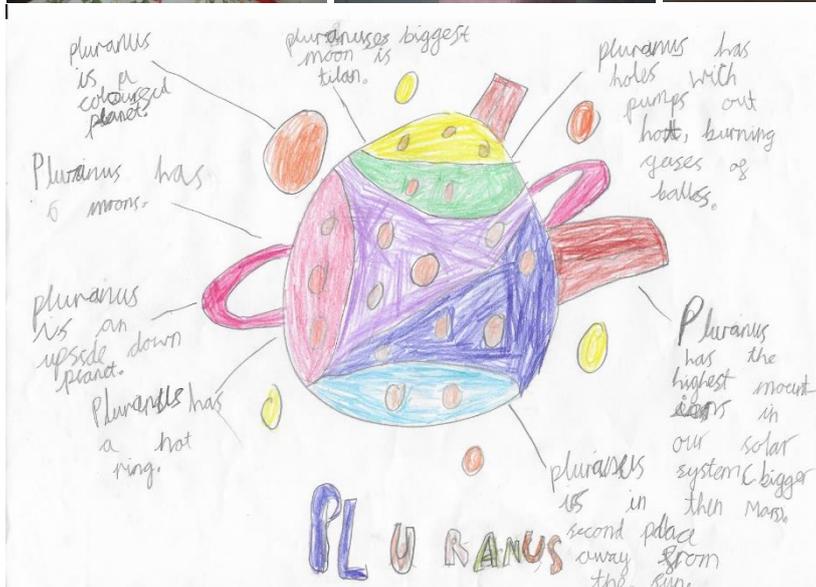
## Laptop Donations

On that note, I'd like to say a HUGE thank you to the FOGGS team who have been tirelessly campaigning for donations of old laptops which the school can convert into chromebooks for children to use at home. These donations have been invaluable and enable us to support more children with their remote learning. A special mention must go to a local resident who bought and donated four refurbished chromebooks for the school to use. The kindness and generosity of strangers is a wonderful thing.



## Home Learning

Take a look at these fantastic pieces of home learning – they are fab! Keep up the hard work everyone.



Ihram made a dinosaur from shapes that he learned about in Maths.

Chevae made faces to represent feelings so that she could articulate how she feels about home learning.

Max made some people out of materials he found at home.

Olivia invented her own planet as part of our topic about space. She has called it 'Pluranus' and labeled all of the features!

Have a wonderful weekend. Simon Wattam, Head Teacher

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