



The Spire Federation North Cockerington CE Primary School

29th January 2021



Thank you

I would like to start this week's newsletter by issuing a very special **"Thank you"** to Mrs Boland, a parent at North Cockerington, who's company **"influence"** <http://www.influence.co.uk/> have very kindly donated a lap top to school to support pupils at home access remote learning.

This a wonderful gesture of kindness during these difficult times and is a donation that will be put to good use along with the additional devices we have been able to source from the Department for Education.

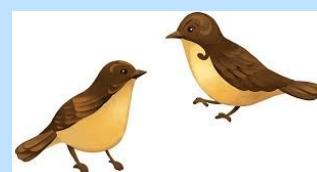
If your child is struggling at home to access remote learning and you would like to borrow a device, please let the office know so the necessary arrangements can be made.



The Big Garden Bird Watch

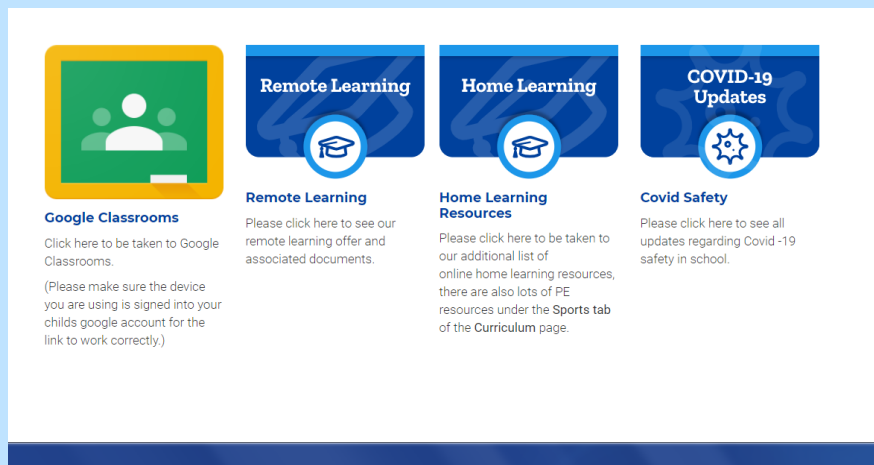
The Big Garden Bird Watch challenge is this weekend 29-31st January, for lots of free resources and details of what to do please visit: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch/>

and <https://www.countryfile.com/wildlife/birds/how-to-take-part-and-garden-birds-to-spot-in-the-big-garden-birdwatch/>



School website

The school website <https://www.north-cockerington.lincs.sch.uk/> has had a slight revamp, on the home page you will notice some new icons that will take you direct to important updates .



- **Google Classroom** -There is now a direct link to Google Classrooms. If the device you are using is logged into your child's school account clicking on the icon will take you direct to your child's class page.
- **Remote Learning** –If you click on the Remote Learning icon this will take you to a page that displays direct links to all of the platforms we use such as Purple Mash, Tapestry & TT Rockstars. There are also some “help guides” you may find useful for Google Classroom and this is also where you will find information for parents regard our Remote Learning Offer.
- **Home Learning** - Clicking here takes you to many more direct links for all the online sites we use in school. They may help you with any projects you have to research or you may just find them fun!
- **COVID-19 Updates** - Please click on this link to be taken to the latest updates relating to the pandemic from school. Here you will find copies of all letters and documents that have issued and also a copy of the school risk assessment for safe operations.

If there is anything else you would like to see or would find useful on the website please let the office know as we want the school website to be a useful tool for the parents, children and visitors as well as a space for promoting the school, celebrating success and displaying statutory information.



Children's Mental Health Week

From 1-7 February 2021 schools, youth groups, organisations and individuals across the UK will take part in Children's Mental Health Week. This year's theme is **Express Yourself**.



Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. This could be through art, music, writing and poetry, dance and drama, photography and film, and doing activities that make you feel good.

It's important to remember that being able to **express yourself** is not about being the best at something or putting on a performance for others. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself.

For Children's Mental Health Week 2021 we will be encouraging children (and adults) to explore the different ways we can **express ourselves**, and the creative ways that we can share our feelings, our thoughts and our ideas. We will be adding activities to Google Classroom over the week to help support this.

For more information please visit [:https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/](https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/)

Being busy at home!

Here are some of the fantastic pictures we've received this week showing us what you've been up to, using everyday maths and keeping fit! Keep sending them in, we love seeing them.

