GIG MILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Together we care, together we succeed



Monday 18th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Once again last week we have been open as a facility to support critical workers and their families and vulnerable pupils. There have been so many changes in school, and our staff continue to do our utmost in order to support children both in school and at home. Thank you all so much for your support, it is very much appreciated.

Some good news to share with you all – a Gig Mill baby, Logan Priestley was born just before Christmas, and is safe at home with Mrs Priestley and the rest of the family. Lots of children will be excited to find out the baby's name, as they had lots of suggestions before the Christmas holiday.

During the past week there have been further announcements and new guidance for us to action. This week we will be distributing free school meals parcels to all our families, as outlined by our Local authority. If there has been a change to your family situation since the start of the school year, please <u>click here</u> to complete application to Free School Meals.

Families at home

It has been wonderful over the past week to hear from children and class-teachers - how many of you have established new learning routines, and have successfully been reading books on Bug Club, and sending in messages to your child's classteachers via Purple Mash and Evidence Me. WELL DONE EVERYONE!

Alongside this week's **remote learning plans**, there is also a link to BBC Bitesize and some other new resources if you wish to join in! Staff have solved lots of password issues and much more this week. If you still need support please use REMOTE LEARNING as title of email, and someone will get back to you info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk

Almost all families have been contacted by phone last week, just in case you missed the call, we'll be trying again this week – remember, it will come from an unknown caller – it's us!

Vulnerable and critical worker's children

Thank-you for keeping us updated - any changes to attendance please email CRITICAL WORKERS as title of email to info@gig-mill.dudley.sch.uk

Please can we ask that parents stay to the left of the paths when coming up the drive and onto the playground at drop off and collection times. This should enable adults to maintain a distance of 2 metres, and keep everyone safe.

Stay safe and take care, Mrs Hannaway