

12th February 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we come to the end of the half term I wanted to write to you to thank you for your support throughout what has been a very different, unexpected and sometimes challenging start to the new year.

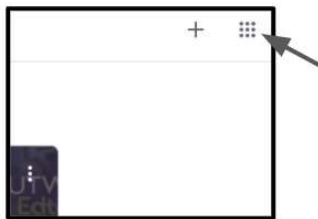
Staff have worked incredibly hard both online and onsite to ensure that however your child is attending school at the moment, they continue to access high quality provision which provides continuity to what would have been taught had schools remained open to all.

Equally, we know that remote learning can bring challenges at home and I would, on behalf of the staff, like to acknowledge and thank you for the significant part that you have played in ensuring that this half term has been a success.

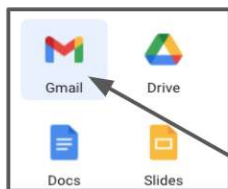
It is usual for us to issue Praising Stars reports at this time of the year. We are unable to distribute the sheer volume of reports physically but we have been able to develop the system so that reports can be distributed electronically. These are being sent today to the **email address associated with your child's google classroom account.**

To access these:

- Login to Google Classroom using your child's login details e.g s123456@student.outwood.com along with the associated password
- Click on the button in the top right hand corner which looks like a square of 9 dots



- Select Google Mail



- You will now be logged into the associated email account and from here you will receive the report when it is distributed by the academy.

For children who have been consistently accessing the learning at home, there are elements of the report that will be slightly different, please see the information below.

Attendance

For children who have been consistently working at home, PS3 attendance will be based on attendance on Monday 4th January 2021.

Behaviour at social times

As we do not have this information but need to complete it on the system, this will reflect the information from the last Praising Stars report.

Homework concerns

This will reflect your child's submission of work for individual subjects i.e. if your child has not regularly completed their maths work, homework concerns will be ticked for maths.

For all children:

The effort grades in these reports reflect your child's engagement with academy provided learning during this period.

We are currently making arrangements for an online parents evening after the half term break where you will have the opportunity to discuss the report and your child's progress.

Next week is half term and therefore there will be a pause in the remote learning provision. Your child's remote learning provision will commence on our return from half term on Monday 22nd February.

Once again, thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Hewitt
Principal