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Newsletter 16

Dear Parents and Carers,

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I do hope that you are all well and are coping with the pressures of working and also completing home learning with your child/children.

The children continue to produce fantastic work through Tapestry and Google Classroom; teachers are so grateful for all your efforts and help and are very impressed by the quality of work produced.

I am also very grateful for the parents who are reviewing 'essential' provision required in school at this time, helping to ensure that children are only in school if they have to be; the support you have given is greatly appreciated. As mentioned in an email to parents of all children currently in school, this is intended to help keep bubbles small, reducing the risk to staff and children.

Please can I ask parents that if there are other children in school who are able to remain at home with adults to support them, these arrangements are put in place at this time. Please contact the school office to update us as needed.

Online Home Learning - Google Classroom Update

We continue to review the opportunities that we can put in place to support children and parents at home, through increased interaction between staff and children.

Sadly, we are limited in our capacity to offer live lessons for children, as the entire staff team are leading learning for the large number of children we have in school, whilst also providing feedback to children working on Google Classroom tasks throughout the day. Additionally, the staff are also organising remote learning tasks for all and maintaining a robust cleaning regime to support the safety and welfare of staff and children.

However, we do have some updated arrangements that we feel will be supportive to you at this time; please see below for more details.

Google Meet

The Google Meet format has worked well through this week, and with a few tweaks, will be the key vehicle for communicating between staff and children in Years 1 to 6.

From next week as these sessions are set up, we will be setting up the following arrangements to help make the 'Meet' sessions more effective and supportive to all – thank you to the parents for feedback and suggestions to support us with our arrangements.

- In Google Stream, teachers will set out a theme for the meeting to help maintain a focus for the for the children.
- Teachers will ensure that all children are all visible on screen for the meetings, through screen tiling.
- Teachers will also make sure that they can be seen on screen throughout the meeting.
- Children will have microphones muted by the teacher; these will unmuted when it is the children's turn to talk.
- Children can also raise their hand if they would like to contribute to discussions and teachers will unmute them as needed.

Feedback to children

We are also working to review additional procedures that we can set up to help support children with tasks set and extending on the feedback that we are currently providing for children via private comments.

We are looking to set up morning welcome videos by teachers – these will be uploaded via Youtube, with link provided on the stream at 9.00a.m. each day. The short videos will outline learning in place and helping pass core reminders onto children to help with their work. For next week, these videos will be uploaded on Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

We are also looking to set up small group feedback sessions. Organised via Google Meet, these will give the opportunity for some children to collect together for short feedback sessions with teachers, helping to share successes and consolidate key elements to help move learning on.

I hope that these developments will provide a supportive vehicle for you and your children at this time, whilst they are learning at home.

The entire staff team are committed to provide all support for children and families at home at this time, whilst working to support our keyworker children in school. Please do contact the school office if there is any way that we can extend support to you and your child/children.

Online Safety

With the children spending more time online with their home-learning and also using social media platforms or texts/messages to maintain contact with their friends, I feel it is very important to help continue to support the children with their online safety and online behaviour.

Online activity packs can be found at: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

Additional resources can be found at: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/professionals/resources/online-safety-toolkits>

Please do contact the school, if your child is reporting any unkindness from their friends online, through social media or messages. We will continue to work to support all children at this time, to make sure they are safe and are being treated well by others around them.

Stars of the Week

Lucas and Toby H for completing a huge amount of home learning and for trying really hard with their writing. The boys have also shown great imagination and confidence with their storytelling.

Isabella B for all of the hard work completed at home in such a fun and creative way.

Olly O for amazing work at home and trying trying super hard. We can really see the progress you are making, particularly in your Phonics work.

Alfred K for finding out about magnets with daddy and also for wonderful reading completed.

Freeman W for working very hard to complete different tasks and for always smiling in every photo.

Ava-Rose B for beautiful singing of her Science song.

Aurelia C for showing great attention to detail, making her work as good as possible.

Jude L for great comprehension questions, showing great inference from a text item.

Tahlia P for an amazing picture of her house.

Rosie A for providing very amusing answers, on why Goldilocks behaved the way she did!

Harry S for a very professional yoga workout!

Henry C and **Isabelle C** for creating fantastic online safety videos.

Logan M for working incredibly hard on the variety of online tasks set.

Imogen F for producing map work with great attention to detail.

Olivia P for persevering with her work on 9x tables and having a great attitude toward her learning.

Ellen C for outstanding quality in her English work through this week.

Abbie H for her detailed account of the spread of the Roman Empire and also for her excellent completion of the weekly PE challenge, set by Mr Pemble!

Bella B for amazing work in her topic learning about the Roman Empire, including a fantastic creation in CAD of the Colosseum.

Callie P for a fantastic trench model and WW1 trench report, which followed the learning steps excellently.

Henry H for support efforts in his English and Maths work; submitting completed tasks every day.

Tyler M for excellent Maths work and showing great perseverance in English, especially when tasks prove difficult.

Louisa W for a wonderful WW1 trench warfare video broadcast, in role as a BBC reporter.

Megan C for showing great kindness and consideration of others, clearly showing why she is such a fantastic school councillor and role model for her peers. Megan must also be commended for being a superb online secretary!

Isaac F and Poppy M for showing diligence and commitment towards their home learning, as well as persevering really well to complete additional challenges set.

Freida M for working incredibly hard (both in school and at home). Great resilience and aptitude for learning; all this whilst managing a broken arm!

I wish you all a restful weekend; take care and stay safe please.

Phil Goldsworthy

Please see below for an interactive group for Under 5's that is being run by Home Start.



Online

Under 5's Group

Banbury, Bicester & Chipping Norton

We are delighted to invite you to our online interactive group for parents and children under 5.

Thursday mornings, 10:00 - 10:30am

Hosted by our Stay & Play Facilitator, Lynne; this group will include story-time and some songs.



To register your interest and receive the zoom link, please email lynne@home-startbanbury.org.uk