

Maybury News

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A Message from Mrs Merritt

Welcome to the start of a new term, whilst it's not quite as we expected moving straight into a National lockdown once again, I would still like to start this newsletter by wishing you all a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We are looking forward to a very productive term, whether children are working from home or in school! Please do keep in touch with your child's class teacher through the class email address. No one can deny this continues to be a very challenging time for everyone, rest assured we are doing our very best for our school community, often learning as we go, as these are unprecedented times! It is important to stay kind at times of challenge, kind to each other and kind to ourselves— everyone is doing their best!

Remote Learning

It has been amazing to see so many children engaging with remote learning, we are really proud of all the children working at home. Please ensure all children complete the work set on their class website page or Google classroom and submit the work by emailing to the class teacher or returning on Google Classroom. It is essential that children return their work to enable teachers to provide feedback to your child/ren. We are requesting that all English and Maths learning is returned by 1:30pm and foundation subjects by 4:30pm to enable teachers to check the work and provide their feedback. If work is returned more than a day later we will not be able to provide feedback. Please ensure you log on at the correct time for your zoom reading sessions.

For those remote learning please complete the surveys below by Friday 29th January:

Parents ONLY—<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParentRemoteLearningSurveyJan2021>

Pupils ONLY—: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScY579k-5_cg6cuybArAq2Rla_Yyqof5QV3BZ0dc4zNWJ-EGw/viewform

Nursery Places for September 2021

If you have a child who will be turning 3 before 31st August 2021 you will be entitled to a 15 hour Nursery place. If you have not already completed an application form please call or email the office to request one and we will then place your child on the waiting list. We will be allocating spaces very soon so please ensure you complete a form to secure your child's place.

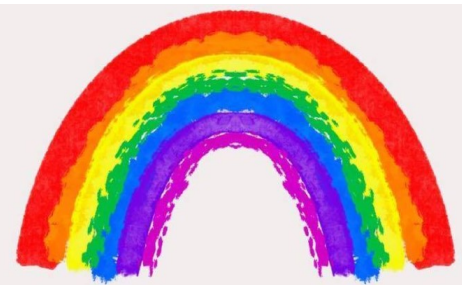
INSET day reminder

Term ended for the Autumn Term on Friday 18th December, with a remote learning day, which we are using a previously planned summer term INSET for. This is to ensure children take part in learning planned for them and as the Government have said we have to use an INSET day already planned to enable this to take place, this means taking one planned in July. Therefore, the last day of the summer term will now be Monday 19th July and not Friday 16th July.

Whilst the first three weeks of this term have been challenging for us all, there have been so many positives! We have established new systems and processes that focus on learning, community and partnership. As a community we have shown great strength during testing times – we are more resilient working together and we can achieve anything we set our minds to. If you work for the NHS – thank you, we know life is not easy but as a community we will do all we can to help and support you. In times of adversity we need enthusiasm and courage!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of my staff they have been fantastic and they are working to ensure every child has a positive experience to help them excel both at home and in school. Thank you for your support.

I am sure you have heard that the Government have announced that schools will not be reopening to all children until AT LEAST Monday 8th March. The Government will review the data on 22nd February. We will of course keep you updated.



after every storm comes a
rainbow

What parents need to know about **YOUTUBE**

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT EASY TO ACCESS

Any child with a Gmail account can sign into YouTube & access videos. Some content is flagged 'age-restricted', but the platform relies on self-verification, meaning kids can get around the rules with a fake date of birth. This could enable access to vulgar, violent & dangerous videos.



USERS CAN PRIVATELY CONTACT YOUR CHILD

When your child is signed-in to YouTube with their Gmail account, there are various ways they can send & receive messages. This could be via the messages icon, or via the 'About' tab. There is scope here for users who your child does not know to make contact.



YOUTUBE SUGGESTS RELATED CONTENT

YouTube will often 'auto play' videos based on your child's viewing habits. The aim is to show related & appropriate content. But the problem is: It's possible your child will be exposed to inappropriate content that isn't accurately related.



'CHALLENGE VIDEOS' CAN GO TOO FAR

Challenge videos refer to a stunt you're encouraged to recreate & film. Many challenge videos can be harmless & for a good cause, like the Ice Bucket Challenge. But some are dangerous & even life threatening, such as the Bird Box Challenge.



SHARING VIDEOS RISKS YOUR CHILD'S PRIVACY

If your child has a Google account, they can upload their own videos. To do this, they must create a personal profile page known as a 'YouTube Channel'. The videos uploaded here can be viewed, commented on & shared by anyone. This could put your child's privacy at risk.



Tips To Protect Your Child

APPLY 'RESTRICTED MODE'

Restricted mode helps to hide any mature or unpleasant videos from your children. It uses YouTube's own automated system & looks at what other users flag as inappropriate content. It must be enabled in the settings menu on each individual device.

BLOCK CONCERNING USERS

To help protect your child from cyber-bullies, harassment or persistent offensive comments, you can 'block' individual users. Doing so hides your child's videos from the user & stops the user being able contact your child in any way.

CUSTOMISE THEIR EXPERIENCE

Influence & control what your child watches using features such as Playlists (your videos play continuously rather than videos YouTube recommends) & Subscriptions (you choose channels your child can watch). It's also good to turn off auto play by toggling the blue button alongside the 'Up Next' title when viewing a video.

Home learning Newsletter

Well being

Did you know that we have a wellbeing page on our website with lots of tips to have better wellbeing and websites that you visit?

This month we are going to think about how we can use our creativity to maintain our positive mental health.

1. Try Music with Myleene Klass:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>
2. Find some good jokes and tell them to someone at home:
 - ◆ Why did the tomato blush? Because it saw the salad dressing.
 - ◆ Why didn't the duck pay for the lip balm? He wanted to put it on his bill.
3. Make something (this websites might give you inspiration). If you don't have any resources, why not try junk modelling:
<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/crafts>

Boredom Busters

We are all spending more time at home than usual at the moment. Try some of these simple indoor activities to stop you getting bored:

- ⇒ Play hide and seek
- ⇒ Build a blanket fort
- ⇒ Play a board game
- ⇒ Bake something
- ⇒ Go on a Scavenger Hunt
- ⇒ Do a puzzle
- ⇒ Build with blocks
- ⇒ Play dress-up
- ⇒ Sing Karaoke
- ⇒ Make a kite out of a plastic bag, some sticks and a bit of string.
- ⇒ Make a maze using blankets and towels
- ⇒ Play iSpy
- ⇒ Play "Hot and Cold" game with hidden objects

Reading at home

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/> (use this website to access free books)

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/libraries/news-and-events/library-news/coronavirus/libraries-from-home-for-children-and-young-people#fun> (Fun and educational activities for children and young people as well as free books)

www.literacytrust.org.uk (free reading resources, including books you can listen to).

https://www.andersenpress.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/STAYING_HOME_medium-res.pdf (a lovely book all about Coronavirus and the importance of staying at home).

Nosycrow.com (use this website to assess a KS2 book at Coronavirus)

Keeping active

For every day this week, complete as many squats as your age! For example, if you are 7 years old, you must do 7 squats every day!

The Squat Challenge



Until next month...

If you would like to let us know how you got on with any of these challenges please send emails to:

homelearning@maybury.surrey.sch.uk. Remember to keep checking the website (for EYFS and KS1) or Google Classroom (KS2) every day to find the new home learning. Please do not use the school office number for home learning concerns—it is much more effective to contact the class teacher first (using the class email address).

Online Resources to Support Remote Learning

General Learning Resources

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/>

A fantastic resource which has nearly 10,000 lessons, videos and activities which can support your child's learning at home. You are able to select by year group or subject making it really easy to navigate.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/primary-live-lessons/zmc9jhw>

The BBC has put together a fantastic selection of programmes and videos to support your children, covering everything from literacy to fitness.

English

<https://library.thenational.academy/>

Every week a popular children's author or illustrator will provide you with free books, exclusive videos and their top three recommended reads.

<https://www.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

Lots of information for parents about phonics including: what exactly phonics is, how it is taught in UK schools and suggestions for helping children develop or consolidate their phonics knowledge.

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/reading/free-ebooks/>

Oxford have a wealth of free downloadable books which can be accessed at home, you are also able to search for books by age so you can ensure that the books are appropriate for your child.

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

A fun online game to help children with phonics and the art of reading.

www.amazon.co.uk

Currently Amazon are offering a whole variety of children's books available to download on Kindle for free, these include fiction books and educational books. You simply need to search for free children's books in the search bar.

Maths

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

A great resource with a wealth of lessons for all primary aged children, lessons include videos and resources.

<https://www.themathsfactor.com/>

The Maths Factor is free for everyone for the duration of the UK Schools closure period. Age 4-12 years. Matched to the National Curriculum.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

A great website with a whole host of interactive maths games to help develop maths skills.

Other curriculum resources

<https://www.national-aquarium.co.uk/learning-at-the-aquarium/home-learning-sessions/>

Every Friday during Lockdown the National Marine Aquarium will be hosting live encounter with a whole host of their amazing animals, all led by their aquarium teachers.

<https://www.natre.org.uk/about-natre/free-resources-for-you-and-your-pupils/key-stage-2/>

A great website containing a whole host of free RAW resources.

<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/teacher-category/primary-resources/>

National Geographic have created a wide variety of engaging ideas, with accompanying resource sheets covering a wide range of subjects to support your child's learning at home.

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/>

Fun activities, quizzes and interactive information across many different topics.

Well-Being

<https://www.elsa-support.co.uk/wellbeing-week-daily-resources/>

To help support your child with their well-being at home you might link to visit this page, simply scroll down to the bottom of the page where you find links to power points with different discussion-based activities. These are updated on a daily basis.

Computing

<https://scratch.mit.edu/parents/>

A great creative free programming programme which children also use in school so may be familiar with.

Staying active

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

The Body Coach, Joe Wicks will be holding LIVE PE lessons at 9am on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays on his YouTube channel for children of all ages. For 30 minutes a day Joe aims to inspire and energise the kids to get active,

Academic Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

1st September 2020 to 18th December 2020

Half Term 26th October 2020—30th October 2020

Spring Term 2021

4th January 2021 to 1st April 2021

Half Term 15th February 2021—19th February 2021

Summer Term 2021

19th April 2021 to 19th July 2021

Half Term 24th May 2021—4th June 2021

(Please note May half term will be for 2 weeks)

INSET Days—SCHOOL CLOSED for training

Tuesday 1st September 2020

Friday 18th December 2020

Monday 4th January 2021

Tuesday 5th January 2021 (this has replaced the INSET on Monday 19th April 2021)

Tuesday 20th July 2021

Wednesday 21st July 2021

