



Heathfield
PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

Friday 3rd April 2020

Happy Hardworking Courageous Kind

Untitled by Kitty O'Meara

*And the people stayed home.
And read books,
and listened,
and rested,
and exercised,
and made art,
and played games,
and learned new ways of being,
and were still.*

And listened more deeply.

*Some meditated,
some prayed,
some danced.
Some met their shadows.
And the people began to think differently.*

And the people healed.

*And, in the absence of people living in
ignorant, dangerous, mindless, and
heartless ways, the earth began to heal.*

*And when the danger passed,
and the people joined together again,
they grieved their losses,
and made new choices,
and dreamed new images,
and created new ways to live
and heal the earth
fully,*

*as they had been
healed.*



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Inclusion Lead: Mrs S Syner

Headteacher's message...



Dear Parents and Carers,

I can hardly believe that it has already been two weeks since we have been together in school. All of the staff are missing the children immensely and we really hope that you are all well. It has been a time that we could hardly have imagined and whilst I know that our community is suffering and will continue to suffer the loss of our family and friends, all we can do is follow all of the government advice given to keep each other safe.

Provision for pupils

We are working together with our school partners to continue provision for those children who need it. Whilst the government recommendation is for children to stay at home if at all possible, we are able to provide limited places for children whose parents are both key workers, or those in single parent homes where that parent is a key worker and they cannot safely stay at home. This provision will be at Highfield Junior and Infant School and will continue through the Easter holidays and into the summer term.

Home learning

I would like to publicly thank all of the staff who (in a very short period of time) not only put together home learning packs for the last fortnight, but went out and delivered them to those families who were unable to collect them.

The plan for after the Easter break is detailed below:

At 9:30am every Monday, new work for the week will be uploaded on the website onto each year group tab under Home learning. This will have all of the planned activities for your child/ren to complete over the week. These are all short, varied activities and will include science, art and music tasks.

When the tasks are completed, your child can share their work on Class Dojo for their teachers to see and award dojo points. If you have not received your Class Dojo log in information, email us at schoolclosure@heathfld.bham.sch.uk

Please remember that this work is there for you to access to keep your child feeling confident and happy about their learning and to help them practice the skills they have already been taught. We know that every family's situation is different; lots of you will be working from home and that other children may also need access to the workspace. Be kind to yourselves and don't be too worried if the home learning does not always go to plan.

Free school meal allocation

The government will be providing vouchers for those of you whose children are entitled to free school meals and we are currently working on a system to get these vouchers out to you as quickly as we can. Please keep checking the website for further details and contact us if we don't have all of your details.

Contact with school staff

Please email us at schoolclosure@heathfld.bham.sch.uk if you have any queries, questions or need help. We will be checking this email regularly over the break. Also make sure that we have up to date contact information for you so that we can contact you quickly if the need arises.

Until we speak again, take care.

Mrs Atherton

Educational psychologist telephone helpline for parents and carers

Do you as a parent or carer at home with your children during the school shut down, feel that you need someone to talk to about how you can cope with this challenging time for families?

Birmingham Educational Psychology Service is providing a telephone helpline for any parent or carers of children, who feel they would benefit from a consultation with a psychologist to support them with any concerns arising at this time, for them or their families.

Areas of concern you may wish to discuss could include:

- Anxiety around the current situation and its impact on your children and family.
- Supporting you to support your children's emotional needs.
- Concerns about family relationships.
- Concerns about friendships, learning, daily structure and activities.
- How to best look after yourself so you can support your children.

The concerns can be related to school or family life.

You will be offered an initial telephone consultation of 30 minutes with a psychologist and a potential follow up session of another 30-minute consultation at a later date. These will be Monday-Friday, within standard working hours.

If you would like to access this service please email: Isabel.Gregson@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information:

- Your name
- The telephone number you would like to be contacted on.
- The name of your child's school.
- Times and dates you are **not** available for a consultation.
- Whether an interpreter is required for you to access this service.

We will aim to get back to you within 2 working days to confirm a time and date for your consultation.

This service will, **as far as possible**, be confidential.

COMMUNICATION AND AUTISM TEAM (CAT)

COVID-19 & Advice for Parents / Carers



Currently the nation is experiencing a situation we have not seen before. It is requiring us all to change our normal routines and may be causing your child with autism to feel concerned and present some challenges for you as a parent and/or carer.

The Communication and Autism Team are here to help you during this difficult time. Our families and children are really important to us and we are here to provide you with support through our telephone helpline service.

You can get advice and support on a range of topics, including the following:

- Strategies to support access to home routines
- Motivating and engaging your child
- Tips for helping your child /young person to manage their school work at home
- Social communication and interaction
- Sleeping, eating and personal hygiene
- Wellbeing
- Structure and routine
- Coping with new routines
- Helping your child to understand what is happening
- Looking after yourself

We would like to assure you that our support remains available to you by telephone throughout this period.

If you would like to access this service please email CATParentEnquiries@birmingham.gov.uk with the following information:

- Your name
- The telephone number you would like to be contacted on
- The name of your child's school
- Times and dates you are not available

We will then arrange for a member of the team to call you back as soon as possible.

"We can do this if we all work together as a family"

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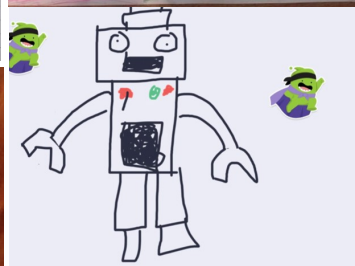


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Year 1 and Year 2's home learning!



Dave the Dog is worried about coronavirus
a nurse Doty book



Use the link below to access a story to help children understand what is happening. <http://www.heathfld.bham.sch.uk/index.php/home-learning/parent-carer>

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School Website

There is lots more news and information as well as each year group's curriculum overviews on our school website.
www.heathfld.bham.sch.uk