

### **Newsletter**

12th May 2020

It's week 4 out of 5 weeks in Term 5 in our virtual school. This week we are engaging in a teaching and learning review. We do these very regularly in school and this term, although slightly different, we will try to capture the evidence of the quality of provision we are aiming to provide for children. We will invite you to complete a survey this week to support our evidence on reviewing the quality. Some of you have already had phone calls to speak to children or parents.

#### Reopening school

Many of you will have watched the Prime Minister's Sunday night's briefing and, understandably, will have questions about the proposed re-opening of schools at the earliest date of 1st June 2020. The current government position is that schools <u>may</u> be able to open for Pre-school, Year R, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils from this date, please see below for the links to the government website:

- https://www.gov.uk/government/speeches/p m-address-to-the-nation-on-coronavirus-10may-2020
- https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus/educationand-childcare

The school is currently a Hub to provide childcare supervision places to individuals whose jobs are on the Key Worker list. Please see the link below for details on Key Workers and their children's use of school during this time:

 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/ coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educationalprovision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-andlocal-authorities-on-maintaining-educationalprovision

If you are a Key Worker and need a space at the HVA Hub, you need to book a place using Tucasi, the online payment system the school uses. There is no payment to be made but you need to book.

We have received further information from the Department for Education and are working with the skilled central support team at the Cabot Learning Federation (CLF) to ensure that we have robust plans in place for any form of re-opening. We will prepare to create a fully formed robust plan, which takes the safety of our children, staff and whole community into consideration and update you with this as soon as we can.

The Distance Learning will continue to be uploaded each Monday onto the class bloas:

www.preschoolhva.wordpress.com ww.receptionhva.wordpress.com www.year1hva.wordpress.com www.year2hva.wordpress.com www.year3hva.wordpress.com www.year4hva.wordpress.com



## Well done everyone – It's great to see how resourceful you are all being:

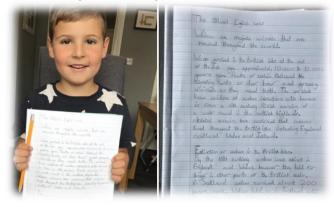
Stones to help counting and adding in Reception...



Year 4 developing musical skills at home...



#### Researching and writing about animals in Year 2



#### **HVA on Youtube**

Have you seen the stories being created by our teaching team? There are fun stories for all ages. There are also short videos of mental and written calculation maths strategies from our teachers. We also share a weekly assembly on here focusing on our school value: respect, responsibility, kindness, honesty, trust and empathy.

#### **HVA** on Facebook



Each week we broadcast Live via FacebookLive to say hello to children, share some news, announce our community walkers and celebrate children. Join us if you can:

- Monday 9:45am
- Wednesday 9:45am Mid-week Mentions
- Friday 4.15pm Celebration asssembly

#### Enjoying cooking or need inspiration?

Mrs Rose continues to post new easy to make but delicious recipes on our Inclusion blog. The latest recipe added is fruity flapjacks.

www.inclusionhva.wordpress.com

There is also a useful blogpost by Mrs Yacomeni to support with helping families get children motivated and share responsibility as a family. There's a very encouraging list of the sort of chores you could get even your youngest children involved in.

https://inclusionhva.wordpress.com/wellbeing/

#### Did you miss this message? Bug Club - Reading

This is a great resource! The books are allocated by teachers, specifically aimed at the right levels for your child. It comes with reading support (click on the read aloud button) and also





provides questions. We know many of you are trying to read other home books, <u>but please consider that these books are specifically designed with progressive exposure to language</u>, as well as be appropriate in terms of context.

**New reading awards** will be awarded to the children each week from now on.



# Let us help your child over time as a result of a change in financial circumstances...

If you have found that your financial circumstances have changed and you now access financial support from government benefits, we would like you to let our staff team know.

By sharing your national insurance number, we will be able to find out if your child will qualify for access to free school meals and an additional £1345\* per year, which the school identifies how to spend to support your child.

\* follow this link for more information

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium#eligibility-and-funding

#### Inclusion Blog: www.inclusionhva.wordpress.com

Have you seen this blog? The resources on here are building and one that is proving popular is family cooking ideas:

https://inclusionhva.wordpress.com/familycooking/

#### Safeguarding – Online – Questions to reflect on

Are you monitoring what your child is accessing online?

Did you check through their history?
Where are you when they are surfing?
Have your children shared with you what they would like to surf (honestly)?
Do you limit screen time?

Do you know what they (your children) are talking about? If not, this will help: <a href="https://www.net-aware.org.uk/">https://www.net-aware.org.uk/</a>

NSPCC <a href="https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/">https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/</a>
<a href="https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/">Quick support for https://oursafetycentre.co.uk/</a>

#### Weekly diary

- Monday:
   9:45am FacebookLive
   2pm Community walk/exercise from a member of staff
- <u>During the week</u>, teachers will record a short 'hello' video via Twitter/ class website. The school Youtube channel, will be updated with regular stories read by our staff and/or teaching videos.
  - There will also be an assembly during the week focusing on school values. This will be on the Youtube channel.
- Wednesday: 9:45am FacebookLive Mid-week mentions
   2pm Community walk/exercise from a member of staff.
- Friday:

4:15pm FacebookLive Assembly with Mr Jones (This will be recorded on the radio at the same time).

**Golden mention** following last's week's Assembly message from Mr Allen about motivation... It is getting much harder to pick children out but the children's phone calls with staff help, plus the comments from families, which are being sent in. Roxy in Reception is sounding so motivated and is really helping her family at this time; Jacob in Year 3 has really got going this past week – keep it up! Mia in Year 2 has also turned it around and displaying an excellent attitude these past 2 weeks.



Be safe and please keep in touch - Mr Jones

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