



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1st May

Headteacher's update

This week I have been working from home. This is a very new experience for me but I know is something that some of you will have been doing for a while. Juggling home schooling, Year 9 Chemistry, with completing my own work was certainly a challenge. I have every sympathy for all of you that are trying to take on the role of teachers at home. Remember, you can only go at the right pace for your child. Some children will want to do loads of work whilst others may lack motivation. Remember that your child's wellbeing and safety are more important during this difficult time for us all. Stay safe and remember to follow government advice.

Speech and Language

Our speech and language therapist, Sophie, has been videoing some examples of simple, fun language games for pupils of various ages. They have posted these videos on their Facebook page and on Twitter. This will hopefully give you some ideas of things you can do at home to support language development. Their Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/BridgeSpeechTherapy/>

Their Twitter handle is: @BridgeSpeech

Testing

The government has announced that anyone in England showing symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) who has to leave the home to go to work, or is aged 65 and over, is eligible for testing along with members of their households with symptoms. This is in addition to all essential workers with symptoms. Testing can be booked through a new online system. Guidance on coronavirus (COVID-19) testing, including who is eligible for a test, how to get tested and the different types of test available can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested>

VE day commemoration

I would also like to draw your attention to a unique and very special online VE Day Remembrance Service by Rev. Neil Kelley of St. Laurence's Church in Chorley which will be available to view from 3pm on Friday 8th May. It is hoped that this service will act as an appropriate replacement for the cancelled public gatherings. It has been further enhanced by the inclusion of commentary from invited guests, local history, wartime footage and much more. The video can be viewed at www.stlaurencechorley.co.uk

Wellbeing resource

Keep your child busy and also help their wellbeing with this calendar for May. A black and white copy is included. Just scroll to the end of the following PDF. You can just use this on your screen and there is no need to print. However if you can print at home then you can do and stick it to your fridge.

<http://www.highfield-pri.lancs.sch.uk/.../57.../may-calendar.pdf>



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Staff email addresses

Please feel free to contact your child's teacher whilst we are closed. Mrs Smethurst is back at work so I have added her contact details to those of the other staff.

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This week in school

This week in school the children have been making peg dolls and rainbow jelly fish for NHS and other key workers. Games of tennis and football have also taken place alongside a few 'competitive' party games. We have loved seeing all the creative things that children have been doing at home from craft, to baking to works of art. Well done to everyone.



Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families for demonstrating politeness at home: **Jacob Catterall, Mya Hamzaoui, Zhyar Shariff, Emily Kinloch, Kiera Whittaker, Bobby Highton, Ahmed Usman, Lily Irish, Corban Futter, Josh Fuller & Scarlet Draper.**

Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home: **Alexander Newton, Katie Forshaw, Inaaya Ahmed, Imogen Ellison, Rowan Futter, Lily Newton, Imogen Whitehead, Connor Eatock, Brooklyn Bolton & Maida Siddique.**

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to **Ava Gardner, Ameila White, Imogen Whitehead, Paige Boyle, Lucas Bullen.**

Care club pupils of the week

The following have been selected for their good behaviour and attitude in school this week: **Kaitlin Westby, Alyssia Carter, Omar Hamam**

Guidance for parents and carers

The DfE have published information, guidance and support for parents and carers of children who are learning at home during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Guidance on helping primary school aged children learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping children with special educational needs and disabilities learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>



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