



Weekly Newsletter

Thursday 7th May

Headteacher's update

There has been more speculation in the press this week about schools reopening after the half term holiday. We should find out more on Sunday, but it does appear that the measures are going to start to be relaxed. Before schools can 'reopen' to more pupils we need the government to provide the following: a reasonable notice period; clarity on the number or proportion of pupils allowed in school at any one time; improved guidance on social distancing in schools; clearer guidance on supporting staff and pupils who live in households with high-risk individuals; a clearer explanation of the scientific evidence underpinning the Government's decision (in relation to both pupils and staff). Obviously, there is nothing we want more than the children to be back in school but the safety of pupils and staff has to be put first. We will let you know as soon as we are told about any changes. In the meantime, school remains open for key worker children. Tomorrow is May Day Bank Holiday and the 75th anniversary commemoration of VE day. Although we cannot celebrate like we would do normally, I hope that you can mark it in some way. Take care and continue to follow government advice.

Speech and Language

Sophie has recently finished a Phonological Awareness handout with activity ideas that would be most useful for EYFS (pre-school and Reception). There is also a transition 'getting ready for school' handout which can be used to support parents in both pre-school settings and schools. These are on our website. They are continuing to put some videos on our FB and Twitter pages to support these activities too, that parents may find easier to access. Their Facebook page is: <https://www.facebook.com/BridgeSpeechTherapy/>

Their Twitter handle is: @BridgeSpeech

Value of the Month

Our new value of the month is enthusiasm. This is particularly apt at the moment as you may be finding it difficult to motivate your child to complete tasks at home. You can explain to your child that enthusiasm means 'putting my whole heart into what I do' and by doing this it will always turn out better. I have put a document on the home learning page of our website that you can share and if you see your child displaying enthusiasm remember to email your child's teacher so they can be nominated for star of the week.

VE day commemoration

I would 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

Free School Meal Vouchers

The next set of vouchers are due next week. Please keep an eye on your inbox from Sunday onwards. I will post on Facebook when they have all been sent.

Forest School

Those children in school next week will be partaking in Forest School. Please ensure they have appropriate clothing every day.

STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**



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This week in school

This week in school the children have been making VE day bunting, medals and spitfires. They have also been doing observational drawing, racing snails and enjoying the beautiful weather.



Values Star of the week

The following children have been nominated by their families or teachers for demonstrating politeness: **India Mellett, Mohammad Usman, Sheza Khalid, Shyla Smith, Kayla Booth, Ayaan Naveed, Balazs Vardai, Josh Fuller & Tigen Leadley**

Learners of the Week

The following children have been awarded learner of the week for the learning they have completed at home: **Ruby Whittle, Eddie Melling, Wasiq Ghufuran, Aliza Asif, Sophie Hall, Bobby Highton, Ammad Anwar, Leila Mellett, Victoria Hughes & Morgan Clipsham**

Happy Birthday

Happy birthday to **Rodrigo da Silva Galhofo, Adam Grime, Muhammad Qais, Ruby Whittle, Daruis Pascalau & Casey Poole.**

Care club pupils of the week

The following have been selected for their good behaviour and attitude in school this week: **Jacob Bowker, Sheza Khalid & Teegan Lord**

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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