



SCHOOL CLOSURE- NEWSLETTER 3

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Dear Parents,

I hope you have all enjoyed your Easter holiday and are looking forward to the Bank Holiday weekend and the sunshine? It certainly seemed unusual for us this year not being in school making chocolate nests, Easter baskets, Easter egg hunts, Easter cards etc. I hope you have all managed to do some fun Easter activities at home this week with your child(ren) and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a Happy Easter from myself and my staff at West Hill Primary School.

Did you see The Queen's Speech on Sunday evening? <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/entertainment-arts-52183327>. Her quote below is one to remember during the challenging times we are all facing.



Friday night musicals for free

As theatres and other entertainment outlets keep their doors closed amid the Coronavirus pandemic, Andrew Lloyd Webber is giving fans the chance to experience the West End in the comfort of their living rooms. Universals have come up with a great idea called 'The Shows Must Go On', the new YouTube Channel that will be streaming a full-length musical every Friday at 7pm for free so you can bring the theatre home! It will be available for 48 hrs, so you can tune in whenever you like over the weekend. Last Friday was Joseph and tonight is Jesus Christ Superstar.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCdmPjhKMaXNNeCr1FjuMvag>

40,000 books for Primary school aged children

Do you want 30 days free access to 40,000 books?

If so, sign up to: www.getepic.com



Google Classroom

Please look out for a letter (to be e-mailed on Monday to parents of Y1-Y6) with details of Google Classroom.

Teachers will ensure that Google Classroom activities are ready for pupils to access from 9am on Tuesday 14th April 2020 Reception parents will continue to use Tapestry to access online learning for their children.

Thank you.

Public Service Announcement

Parents: What we are being asked to do is not humanly possible. There is a reason we are either a working parent, a stay-at-home parent, or a part-time working parent.

Working, parenting, and teaching are three different jobs that cannot be done at the same time.

It's not hard because you are doing it wrong. It's hard because it's too much. Do the best you can.

When you have to pick, because at some point you will, choose connection. Pick playing a game over arguing about an academic assignment. Pick teaching your child to do laundry rather than feeling frustrated that they aren't helping. Pick laughing, and snuggling, and reminding them that they are safe.

If you are stressed, lower your expectations where you can and virtually reach out for social connection. We are in this together to stay well. That means mentally well, too.

- Emily W. King, Ph.D.

Lockdown 2020 keepsake

How about making a simple but effective keepsake with your family using hands and then framing it?



Puffin Storytime- Monday 6.30pm

Tom Fletcher is doing live readings of his children's books every Monday in April at 6.30pm. Whether you want to watch for a bedtime story, use as part of your home schooling, or maybe just to watch a story while mum and dad have a cuppa for five minutes. You can watch live on his YouTube channel



Key workers

Please remember that school is still open for pupils of key workers (if you are unable to keep your child safe at home).

Please continue to e-mail admin@... by 6pm if you require childcare for the following day.

This helps us to ensure adequate staffing is arranged and ensures that staff do not make unnecessary travel.

Thank you.

Everyone is applauding everyone except our kids...these little heroes have stayed indoors without really understanding why.

Their little lives have literally been turned upside down. Not seeing their family, or friends!

All these rules they've never known.

A life they couldn't of imagined!
Adults talking about others becoming unwell, news reporting death after death!

Our poor babies minds must be racing!

Every day they get up and carry on, despite everything that is going on!

Painting pictures, drawings to show their support to the heroes out there and to make other children walking

past feel better!

So here's to our little heroes, today,

tomorrow and forever!





Do you want further support with Maths?

NCETM (National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of mathematics) are offering free online support for parents and carers helping children with Primary and Secondary Maths including:

- Learning activities and games
- Video tips
- Your questions answered



Parents Guide to childhood anxiety

If you need some support helping your children with anxiety please see:

<https://tutorful.co.uk/guides/the-expert-guide-to-help-your-child-with-anxiety>

With featured advice and resources from The Children's Society, this expert guide for parents is to help children understand, cope and become strengthened by their experiences of anxiety at a young age. The aim is to equip parents across the world with a significant bank of knowledge to ease panic and educate their children about the science of the mind.

The 6 chapters are:

1. The symptoms of anxiety in children
2. Talking to children about anxiety: top tips
3. Recommended by experts: techniques to help your child with anxiety
4. Opening up: how to encourage your child to confide in you
5. Nurturing optimism in children: The path to positivity
6. Go-to anxiety relief tools for children: expert approved

Jigsaw BIG SING

Jigsaw are giving away the Jigsaw song, 'Together as One', (very apt at this time), along with suggested learning activities etc. People are then invited to upload themselves singing Together as One and at 3pm on April 14th the collage of videos will go LIVE (same link) so children can watch and see if their video made it to the final cut. Good luck everyone!

<https://www.jigsawpshe.com/jigsaw-big-sing/>

STEP UP
& DANCE

Message from Katie Murray (Step up and Dance)

If you need something to keep active and sane while you are stuck at home check out my weekly workout dance videos. They are aimed at adults but I don't see why you can't get the whole family involved!!! At times like this we need to pull together and have some fun!!

You can subscribe for your weekly videos (cost involved) at:

<https://www.stepupanddance.co.uk/adult-fitness-class-online/>

Many thanks for your support.

