

The Horsell Village School



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Welcome to this week's newsletter. I hope this finds you all well. Firstly, well done to everyone – children, parents and teachers for finishing another week of home learning. We have seen some super pieces of work being uploaded to Purple Mash and have received some emails of lovely pictures of rainbows.

Although technically we move into the normal 'two week' Easter holiday we have decided to still upload the learning grids and family activities to the website. There is no expectation from the school for you to complete these, however they are there should you wish to.

We have had some lovely feedback regarding the activities and myself and the Teachers would like to say 'thank you'. Should you need any support over the next two weeks we will continue to have a small team on site, providing childcare for our essential key workers. Please do not hesitate in contacting us, we are simply at the end of the phone or email.

Best Wishes

Mrs Reeve and the team at The Horsell Village School.

The Parent Zone



Taking care of yourself is really important whilst staying at home because of the coronavirus. You may

experience a range of different feelings. It is important to remember that it is ok to feel this way and that everyone reacts differently.

Remember this situation is temporary. Staying at home might be difficult but you are helping to protect yourself and others by doing it.

Everymind matters website supported by the NHS have developed a set of tips and advice to help you keep on top of your mental well-being and cope with how you may feel while staying at home. To access, follow the link below:

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-home-tips/>

Supporting my child's behavior at home

Our children might be scared at the moment, their routines and structures are disrupted. They might feel tension and anxiety from the adults around them – no matter how hard we try to shield it from them. They may react differently to all this by changing their behaviours and showing behaviours you have never seen before. This may be difficult for you and your family but it is natural and expected.

Under these circumstances home learning may well add to this anxiety and stress for you and for them. If this is the case – leave it for a little while. Reassure your child, and come back to it when you are both ready. This is why we have an expectation of just (at least) 3 activities per day. Please don't argue and fall out about any of the home learning ideas we have sent home. Follow their lead and use your instinct. You won't go far wrong. Simply talking to your child to help understand their emotions can help resolve and disperse some of the behaviours they may be expressing.

The Children Zone

Welcome to 'the Children's Zone' of the newsletter. Here you will find some activities, websites and information to help you on your learning at home. We are sure you are doing an amazing job!

Q: When does it rain money?

A: When there is a 'change' in the weather.



Joe Wicks.

Hope you are all having fun and joining in with Joe Wicks and his daily PE session. Did you do this fancy dress one this morning? If not you can download to do it for another day— get everyone dressed up and exercising!



Q: Why does a giraffe have such a long neck?

A: Because his feet stink!!

Tongue Twister

Six slippery snails slid slowly seaward.



Twelve twins twirled twelve twigs

- Read each of the tongue twisters out loud.
- Say them quickly four or five times .
- Which one is easiest?
- Which one is trickiest?

Miss Newman's favourite book

My favourite book is 'The Tiger who came to tea' by Judith Kerr

I especially like the character of the tiger.

You can listen to my favourite story .

Follow the link below .

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wc2XxyNf4Qk>



Miss Richardson's favourite book

My favourite story is 'This is not my hat' by Jon Klassen.

I really like how the pictures in the book help to tell the story.

You can make up your own version and add your own ideas as you read.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7o77ygKvuf4>



Don't forget you can now upload an activity from

Purple Mash for your teacher to see on your class notice board.

Messages from the Teachers



Hello Everyone.

I hope you are all well and having fun doing your home learning activities. Don't forget that you can now share something you have done at home on Purple Mash with your Teachers. I know they would love to hear from you as I know that they are missing you all. I know this is a very strange time and its ok to feel a little worried. Remember those mindfulness techniques we have been teaching you at school and remember everybody is working hard to keep you safe.

My next message is for all the mummies and daddies out there – keep going, you are doing an amazing job. Remember to use the techniques we suggested in last weeks newsletter, but most importantly, don't put too much pressure on yourselves. Enjoy and have fun with your children.

In the Reeve house when I've not been at school and busy working from home we have been out in the garden, planting bulbs and even attempting to grow some herbs! Fingers crossed. Next week the weather is supposed to be really nice – brilliant for learning and playing in the garden.

To the Awesome Otters,

I hope you are all doing well and are enjoying having school at home! I miss you all terribly and can't wait to see all the fabulous learning you have been doing. Don't forget to have lots of fun with your families and try some new things. In the Dukes house, in-between doing my home learning ,we have been doing a lot of cooking together and trying food we haven't had before as well as taking part in PE with Joe Wicks every morning! Keep smiling! You are all superstars.

Mrs. Dukes



Dear Squirrels

Well done on carrying out your home learning and making those good choices. I have enjoyed looking at the activities you have been doing on Purple Mash. It is very quiet in school, but we are having fun doing the same learning that you are doing at home and when I am not in school I have lots of work to be doing at home. Panther and I have to have our walk really early in the morning because otherwise we meet people out having their exercise and you know how he is when surprised by joggers, cyclist or other people – lots of barking! Spring is certainly all around us and I hope you are able to enjoy your gardens, or get out for fresh air each day, perhaps you are learning to identify some of the birds who are very busy, or the trees and flowers that are in bloom. I miss seeing your smiling faces and our learning together. I hope to see you all soon.

Mrs. Child

Messages from the Teachers

Dear Barn Owls,

I wanted to send you a letter to tell you how much we have been missing and thinking about you and how very proud we are of you all. We have heard how well you have all been doing with your home learning and that you have been making sure that you are doing at least three tasks every day. Well done! In-between my home learning I have been doing little tasks each day too and have been keeping busy planting bulbs, reading and challenged myself to complete the library jigsaw that we started at the end of term. I have also been working out doing P.E. with Joe Wicks in the mornings. I have to have a little lie down after that! Phew! Have you tried it? Give it a go if you haven't yet, it's great fun! I look forward to seeing some of the brilliant learning that you are doing on Purple Mash.

Keep working hard Barn Owls!

Love from

Miss Richardson.



P.S. Mrs Sharkey and Mrs Collins say a big hello too!

P.P.S. Potiki the dragon has a joke for you.....

Q: Which day of the week do dragons eat the most?

A: Chewsday

Hello Foxcubs,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. I am very proud of you for all of the home learning you are doing - well done! I cannot wait to see all your amazing learning on Purple Mash! I have been busy at school and at home and I been doing the Joe Wicks workout which has been really fun.

Mrs Huntley-Robertson and I both miss you all a lot. Thank you so much for the amazing photograph you sent us, we both loved it. We also hope some of you are recovering from the chicken pox too!

Miss Newman



Hello Badgers!

I hope that you and your families are all okay! I hope you are all having lots of fun doing all of your lovely learning! I have been thinking about you all and I'm so incredibly proud of each and every one of you! I can't wait to hear how you've got on with the activities! Also, I'm looking forward to seeing your Purple Mash learning too! I've been enjoying the lovely weather and taking my two dogs out everyday. I've been doing mindfulness colouring and doing lots of cleaning!

Take care,

Miss Burtenshaw



Messages from the Teachers

Dear Rabbits,

We hope you are safe, well and you have been enjoying your home learning while having lots of fun!

We know it is different to being in school but we are very proud of you all and how well you have adapted to the change.

We have been very busy either in school or working at home where we have been planning some more activities for you to complete with your families.

We are also at home with our families at the moment and have been enjoying this time all together making sure we do lots of reading, baking, the Andy Wilde PE and having family movie nights. We have even managed to enjoy some walks outside exploring our local areas with our children and playing in the garden (especially when the weather has been lovely).



Keep up all the good work and we can't wait to see you all again soon!

Mrs. Skilton and Mrs. Shaw

Hello Tawny Owls!

I miss seeing your lovely smiling faces every morning and Jigsaw Jingle is missing you too! I hope you are enjoying the activities we have sent you for your home learning and well done for doing them.

I am enjoying doing the daily exercise with PE with Joe. Have you tried it? It is great fun and the whole family can join in. The kangaroo hops have been my favourite so far! Hope you are all well and keeping safe.

Love Mrs Perry



Hello Hedgehogs!

I hope you are well and being fantastic learners at home.

I am missing seeing your happy faces every day but I look forward to when that can happen again. I hope you have been enjoying your home learning, I'm sure lots of you will have enjoyed pretending to be The Queen and creating rules and menus! I am very proud of you all for embracing this change. I have been enjoying working from home this week, it is much quieter than the classroom! Although it is a bit difficult as Lola (my dog) thinks my lap is her bed!!



Keep being fabulous and I look forward to seeing you all soon

Miss May

Messages from the teachers

Hello Snowy Owls



I hope that you are all ok. I have been thinking about you a lot! I am so proud of you for all of the home learning that you are doing.

I hope you are getting a chance to exercise, be creative, learn something new and do lots of things that you enjoy.

I have managed to pass on your wonderful stories to the Head of the Magical Creatures Department and she is so happy that her book is full again!

I have been reading lots of books which, as you know, is my favourite thing to do! Also, I have been enjoying riding my bike, baking and doing yoga every day.

Take care,

love Mrs. Emslie



I am really missing seeing you all at school.

In my house we're playing cards and games when my family have done some home learning. We're making cakes and watching things to make us smile. I've been walking my dog Connie, that you've all heard about!

Keep safe and singing!...Can you teach your family to sing 'Roll up here's the fayre' or 'Lean forwards'?

Hope to see you soon.

Love Mrs. Aughterson

Hi Otters,

I hope you are all well and having fun learning at home and completing your 'learning missions'! I have been taking on my own 'mission' too and learning how to bake my own bread! I have also been busy teaching my girls at home, (they don't earn marbles as quickly as the Otters do!).

Remember that I am thinking of you all and can't wait to hear all your news when I see you next.

Keep learning and having fun!

Miss you Otters!

Love from Mrs. Wright x

