

# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

## 3rd April 2020



Hello everyone

It is such a difficult time for everyone at the moment and we are thinking about you every day. I know teachers have been phoning you at home and we have all enjoyed seeing some fantastic learning going on. Well done everyone.

We were sorry not to be able to say a proper farewell to Khalif, Samira and Claire Reed, all of whom are moving on after Easter. We have sent them video messages from school and we wish them all the very best. We hope to keep in touch with Khalif's plans to develop a new school in Somaliland.

This week I have particularly enjoyed the 'bedtime stories' that are added to the website every day at 7pm. This is a great way to end the day. It is important to keep a routine for children, so we hope these stories will help round off each day - and remind everyone to go to bed at a sensible time!

As well as highlighting some great work, this newsletter also contains useful information about routines, food vouchers and ideas for activities.

Over the Easter holidays Hannah More will be closed. Children whose parents are key workers will be cared for at Glenfrome Primary school, supported by Holly. We will update you again in the second week of the holidays about plans for term 5.

We hope you have now received your vouchers from our school meals provider. We are aware that this is quite complicated, so please check the information in this newsletter.

For anyone not receiving vouchers or in urgent need of food we are packing some Hannah More food parcels ready for collection on Tuesday 7th April from 2.00-5.00. Please observe social distancing if you come to collect food and keep children away if possible. We will also have some craft activities from the wonderful Studio Meraki artists to keep you busy. There is also a new 'We Are Bristol' support number (0117 352 3011). This offers support for people in need of food, other essential items and medication.

Although the school office is closed, you can still reach us if you need help. You can email [hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk) or my number during school closure is 07376 185854. Mr Webster is on 07415 098449. We can also pass messages to teachers.

Best wishes and stay safe  
Sue Ramsay, Headteacher

**SCAM ALERT:** the council has informed us that some parents entitled to Free School Meal vouchers have had fraudulent messages sent to them requesting their bank details. **You do not need to share any bank details to receive your vouchers.**



*Check the school website for the home-learning super kids!*

# Tips for home schooling your children at this difficult time ...

## Set a routine...

Make a time to get up in the morning, a time to learn, a time to eat , time to exercise and bedtime. Children like routine - and it helps us to feel safe. Why not make a timetable with pictures to put on the fridge? For younger children, the bedtime story on the website (7pm every evening) is a useful end-of-the-day activity.

## Keep activities simple

Try and keep children's brains active and keep learning ticking over. Keep up with your literacy and numeracy. Read every day. Make it enjoyable so it's not stressful for you. Talk to teachers if you need more ideas or resources.

## Use the resources available to you

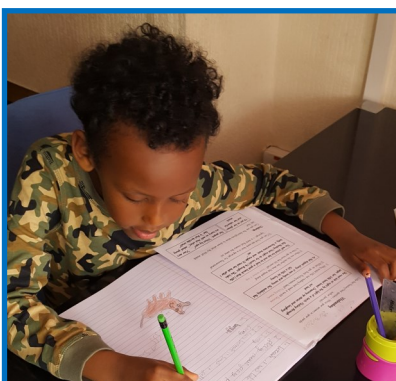
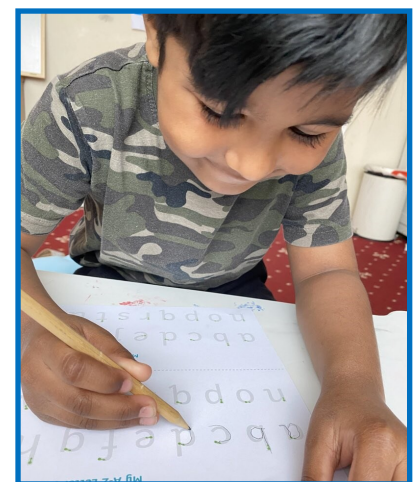
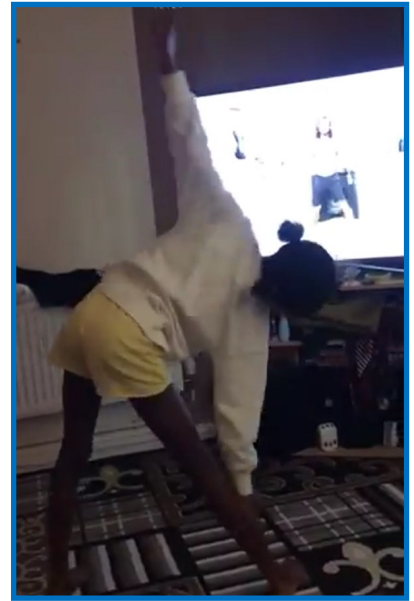
Teachers have been setting work every day, twitter is buzzing (should that be tweeting?) and there are masses of free resources online. Everyone should have their home learning books and we are aiming to send home craft activities as well.

## Use what's in your house

Get some photos out, talk to your children about when you were a child, talk to them about what it was like when they were younger, get them to help you cook. We have seen some fantastic cooking skills already! Get children to help you do the washing and cleaning -this is a good opportunity to learn life skills.

## Try not to worry

Try to make the most of this time with your children and try to enjoy learning alongside them. We'd like children to complete the learning every day, but don't worry, we're not expecting your children to come back to school having made loads and loads of progress. We know home learning is not always easy!



# HOME LEARNING

**Year 1** ... have been adding, using a tens frame. We really enjoyed reading your Dip Dip stories from week one! This week for English we have listened to the story of the Smeds and the Smoos and we have been talking about why it is good to be different, but still good friends. We hope you are enjoying your home learning. Have a restful Spring break!

**Year 2** ... have enjoyed being creative this week and have made their own stories with characters, settings and problems! In maths they have been practising how to solve word problems and missing number problems. Miss Burnett and Miss Ellison-Smith say 'well done with your home learning everyone!'.

**Year 3** have worked so hard on their home learning. They have been readers, writers and mathematicians as well as bakers, artists and designers. We are so impressed and proud of everything being done at home! Enjoy relaxing over the Easter holidays and keep sending us pictures of what you get up to!

**Year 5** have worked hard on their writing this week, linked to their novel 'The Explorer'. The next chapters will be posted on our page over Easter - be sure to read them or watch them. We have loved seeing all your drawings this week - we will post more tutorials on Monday - keep sending them in!

**Reception** ... enjoyed the story 'Supertato' this week. Home learning challenges included drawing our favourite character and making our own vegetable characters. We would love to see more of these so please upload a photo to ILD if you made one! We also enjoyed Mr. Rosetti's PE and practised our counting and phonics.

We love seeing your photos and videos so please sending them! Thanks to families for being so supportive, we really appreciate everything you are doing to help your children. We hope you enjoy a rest over the holidays and we will be back with more learning challenges after Easter.

**Year 4** We focused on times tables for our maths learning, and had an almighty Rockstar battle. We also re-wrote our own versions of Fantastic Mr Fox, which we had spent all term preparing for! Miss Campbell and Ms Sokoni cannot wait to read them- so please do send pictures!

Miss Campbell has been spending her time learning how to cook, starting with pasta, and so she set Year 4 a recipe challenge. Miss Campbell has been blown away by some of the fantastic work from our young chefs -from Hassan's curry to Nur and Aiyana's lasagnes and Ilham's flapjacks, I think we will all be on Master Chef soon! Thank you for engaging so well in your creative tasks, and keep on cooking!

**Year 6**... have worked extremely hard from home this week. From algebra to percentages and BIDMAS in maths and expanded noun phrases and setting descriptions in English. It's been so nice to see all their work being sent in to Mr Cook and Miss Skinner. They've kept fit with Mr Rossetti's videos and creative with our art ideas too. We are so proud.



# Are you eligible for Pupil Premium?

**£1,320 is given to school for every pupil in Reception to year 6 whose parents / carers are eligible and have applied. While schools are closed, pupil premium children get food vouchers instead of school meals.**

## How can I apply?

You must apply online for each child. If you have children in older year groups you still need to apply for younger children. This includes children in Reception, year 1 and 2 who get 'universal infant free school meals' - this is not the same as pupil premium. You can still apply while school is closed. Information is on the council website [here](#). If you need help, [email school](#).

## How is pupil premium spent?

- Additional support for children's learning through targeted interventions
- Reading Recovery, 1:1 reading and BRP
- Funding for the Hub, Bluebell and Sunflower
- 0.5 funding of Community Development post
- Work with families, parenting courses, family learning and other parent activities
- Subsidised trips and visits including Year 4 and 6 camps.



## Am I eligible?

You may be eligible for pupil premium if you receive any of the following:

- Income support
- Income-based Jobseekers' allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Universal Credit
- State Pension (guaranteed element)
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you are not receiving Working Tax credit and have an income below £16, 190)



## How can I get food vouchers while schools are closed?

If you registered for pupil premium before school closed - and we have a current email address for you - then you will receive food vouchers. If you have not received vouchers this may be because you have not registered, or not registered all your children. Please do this as soon as you can - you will get extra money and so will the school. If you are short of food, contact school: [hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk) or call Ms Ramsay on 07376 185854.