

# Hannah More Primary School Newsletter

## 1st May 2020



Hello everyone

We have continued to see some great home learning from lots of children, especially this week's superkids. Well done everyone. It is such a difficult time and our thoughts are with you, especially families who do not have a garden or any outside space to enjoy. Please remember that the government suggests everyone does get outside to take some exercise once each day. Try to take your children for a walk, cycle ride or run every day, perhaps in the park or somewhere quiet.

Many of you eligible for free school meals have struggled to access your supermarket vouchers this week and we have been working hard to help you. Unfortunately the system chosen by the school meal providers has struggled to keep up with demand, meaning people have spent a long time trying to get online. If you still need help, email school [hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk) or call me on 07376 185854.

Please read on for other news and information.

Best wishes and stay safe

Sue Ramsay,  
Headteacher



## This week's super kids!

Reception Khalid and Ramzi  
Year 1 Noah and Mohamed A  
Year 2 Hussein and Ruweyda  
Year 3 Premaja and Yusef  
Year 4 Hassan and Layla  
Year 5 Tyron and Ayman  
Year 6 Numa and Gracie



# Funding news ...

Some of you will know volunteer Linda, who helps with Year 1 reading and who has also taught an ESOL group at school. She has been encouraging her friends and neighbours to contribute to a special fund so we can buy felt pens, crayons and pencil cases for anyone who needs these. There has been a fantastic response and we have already raised £595! You can read more about this [here](#) and donations are still very welcome.



We have already started buying resources as you can see in the picture above. This week we also had a fantastic donation from the lottery to continue to fund food boxes. You can collect a food box on Tuesdays between 2-4 from school. They are available to any family in need.

<https://www.bristollearningcity.com/directory/>

**BRISTOL**  
LEARNING CITY

Bristol Learning City is collecting resources for home-learning, including suggestions for children with SEND. The website is being added to all the time. You can view resources by key stage, subject or school year and if you have suggestion you can send them on as well.

## Stories at home...

Actor Joe Sims will be coming to school on Monday to pick up hundreds of books to be distributed to 20 schools. These books will then be sent home to keep children reading during lockdown. The Stories at home project is a city-wide project which has already generated over 2,000 books to be given to families. 'Friends of Hannah More' has also had a generous donation from Sovereign Housing to fund an extra set of books for our families. We are waiting for these titles to be delivered so we can get them out to you!



We know some people were disappointed not to get an Art Kit from our friends at Studio Meraki unfortunately these were all snapped up very quickly! However, we are getting some other craft activities together for you

## COLOURFUL MINDS



with help from Laura at 'Colourful Minds'. These are ready to collect on Tuesdays between 2 and 4 (along with food boxes). We also have felt pens and crayons available soon for anyone who may need some new ones.

Help in your area ... Up Our Street are delivering free weekly parcels to those struggling financially or Call Stacy 0781 050 6980 or Pat 07986 949 493 to discuss your needs and arrange for a volunteer to drop a food parcel, pick up prescription, or run other essential errands. There is also help from Barton Hill Settlement. Lots more information on the website <https://upourstreet.org.uk/>



Parent Gym is a great parenting programme that we have run at Hannah More in the past. They have made some online modules to read and watch at home during lockdown. These modules can help in this difficult time. There is quite a lot of reading, but you can also just watch the short videos if you prefer. To get started, click <https://storefront.themindgym.com/store> You need to set up an account which is quite easy and doesn't cost anything.



# Food vouchers / pupil premium

There is still some confusion about food vouchers. Children who get means-tested free school meals (sometimes called pupil premium) should receive vouchers. This is not the same as the universal free school meals, which all children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 get automatically.

## Am I eligible?

Your child may be eligible for pupil premium if you receive benefits such as income support, jobseekers' allowance, universal credit or child tax credit. If you are getting working tax credit then you will not be eligible.

## How can I apply?

First of all you need to be receiving benefits like those listed above. If your circumstances have changed then you need to apply for benefit BEFORE you can apply for pupil premium. You need to apply 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 a 'universal free school meal'. You can still apply online while school is closed. For There is information on the council website [here](#). If you need help, please [email school](#).

## What if I am not eligible for vouchers?

We are providing food boxes for anyone in need of food. We have had funding from Quartet and the lottery and we are supported by FareShare as well. You can collect a food box from school on Tuesdays from 2-4pm. If you are in urgent need please contact school [hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk](mailto:hannahmorep@bristol-schools.uk)



We try to include a recipe each week - as well as some books to share at home!