



Academy Newsletter: May 2020

“Be strong and courageous. I will be with you.”
Joshua 1:8

I hope this letter finds you well. You will have seen in the news that lock down will continue for another 3 weeks at least. At this moment in time we have no date in time when the school will reopen again. The government will advise us on this. This newsletter is written with this in mind so I can update you on what we are doing in school to respond to the current crisis and ensure that learning at home can happen as effectively as possible.

Most importantly, I just wanted to say we are all with you at this difficult time. Here to support, here to listen and here to celebrate our children. Together, we'll come through this stronger and support our community.

Mr Tolson

RECENT CHANGES

We are working incredibly hard to make sure that home learning is well-planned and useful to our children. We have had so much great feedback on classroom dojo but we are also looking at other ways to support learning at home this term.

Our main focus is how we support home reading as we know that books are more difficult to find at this time.

- You can borrow a book from our library inside the main entrance.
- Our staff are reading every day so you can listen to or hear a class story.
- These stories are on Class Dojo or Google Classroom.

HOME LEARNING

Our home learning can still be found on our website, class dojo and for KS2 on Google Classroom.

We have now posted 4 weeks worth of learning and we have been pleased to see so much wonderful work shared on classroom dojo. There are some facts below to show some of the facts from last week. Mr O'Brien is setting daily PE challenges and our parent page has lots of great links for you to get involved with.

It is important that you look after yourselves and that you do your best with work we set. However we understand that some days it will happen and some it will not.

After your feedback we are trying to:

- 1. Provide a timetable to support you.**
- 2. Offer paper copies which we can deliver**
- 3. Give examples of how to tackle maths calculations**
- 4. Keep reading to your children so they can see and hear their teachers**
- 5. We put the full week on our website so it is accessible**

SUPPORT

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone and we will do everything we can to support you.

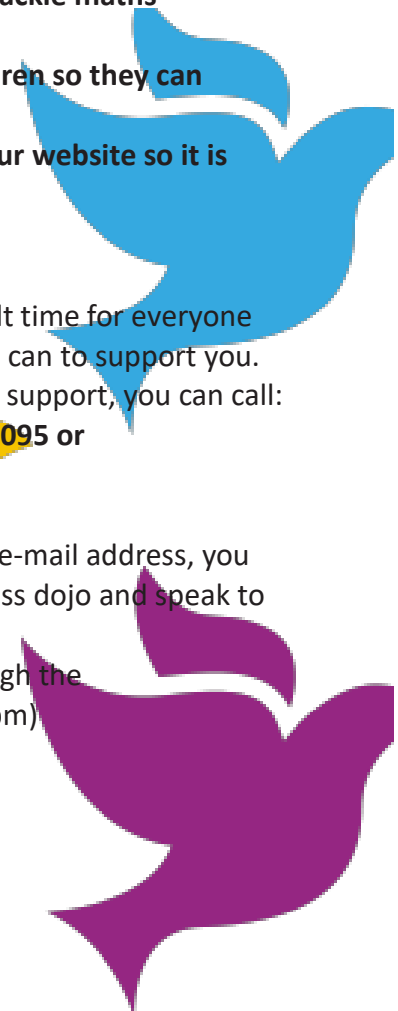
If you need to speak to us for support, you can call:

**Mrs Mungovin on 01274 777095 or
Mr Tolson on 0792755061**

between 8.00am – 3.15pm.

You have your class teachers e-mail address, you can contact them through class dojo and speak to the team in school.

You can also contact us through the school office (8.00am – 3.15pm)



FOOD

The Food Vouchers should now have come through and be working. If you have any problems with these please ring school as soon as you can.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you for your feedback. We recognise some days are more difficult than others. We are sending out another survey to try and help you in the next few weeks. You will receive this via a text message. If you could fill it in that would be great as this will help us to help you.

HOUSE POINTS

As we are using Class Dojo so well we will now be using this to record house points and to support our Golden Book. Your children can still get their Bronze, silver and gold awards.

UPLIFTING SONG OF THE DAY

Mrs Lawrenson has started her uplifting song of the day- she has been inundated with requests from all the staff!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Our star of the week assemblies are going really well. If you have not seen them here is an example:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=RZU7dhGeCH0&t=289s

We have had some amazing children doing some amazing work. Our Parent of the week award has also been very popular too. Here is an example:
www.youtube.com/watch?v=E8Hs3aWWQw4

SCHOOL PRIZES

Star of the week and Parent of the week will be announced on twitter and dojo on Fridays. Prizes and certificates will be delivered during the following week.

SCHOOL PLACES

We are really proud of our school and we know our reputation is improving all the time. It is difficult to advertise our school in our usual ways at this time. We cannot show prospective parents around for example. We still have places available for next school year in Nursery and Reception classes. If you, or someone you know, want to apply for a place, please contact the school office on 01274 777095 or visit our school website for more details

THINKING AHEAD

A really common question we have been asked is when our school will re-open. We are certainly expecting our school to remain closed for more than the next 3 weeks. For this reason, we are already planning for if the school remains closed for the rest of the term. We are aware that the children will miss important stages of the school year such as transition to their new year group as well as vital learning in their current year group. Children who are completing our home learning tasks will have a significant advantage but it is vital our school adapts to what comes after this crisis. We are planning for when our children return, whenever this might be, and are being supported at all times by colleagues from the BDAT Trust.

We ask for patience with this as we need to wait for confirmation from the government before we can say if there will be any future changes. Our newsletters will continue to be sent frequently so that when we get another update, we can share this with you.

93%
of families are
now connected to
dojo

Over 1800 photos
and videos shared
last week

1050
messages shared
just last week

