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RE: Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week school has felt busy again! We have welcomed back Year 6 meanwhile Reception and Year 1 are also now staying in for full days. We are operating a review period every two weeks for each of these classes and the numbers are set to increase again with the next intake.

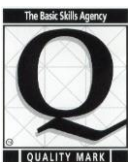
Our MEP clubs are now also extremely busy. From now on we are asking for two weeks' notice for any pupils who have not already been booked in. Those pupils who have been coming will maintain their places, this is for new to MEP only. If you are new to MEP- you may also need to provide proof of employment as a keyworker.

Blended Learning- for those year groups who are back

For the years Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 we are trying to align the work done in school with resourced work/links on the school website for those pupils who remain at home. For example, in Reception class Miss O'Connor will teach phonics in school to her bubble, she will then upload worksheets or provide a link and details to the Government backed phonics lessons (youtube videos) for those pupils who remain at home. Mrs Straw and Mr Crossley will do similar. The class teachers provide the planning and resources for the staff running the other bubbles in their year group. All details are under the year group section of the School Closure Advice section of the website.

Home learning- for Years 2,3,4,5

For Years 2,3,4 & 5 we are continuing to recommend the use of the Government backed lessons from the Oak National Academy for Literacy and White Rose Maths for Mathematics. These are carefully thought out and detailed lessons planned and delivered by teachers to allow for progression in learning. An alternative is also the BBC Bitesize lessons which also have some excellent explanations and videos to support learning. Both The Oak National Academy and BBC Bitesize have lessons for foundation subjects too. There are additional work sheets and activities on our class webpages (under the School Closure section). We are continuing to put out the home



learning packs for collection from under the bike shelter- these are refreshed every 2 weeks. If you ever come to collect a pack and some are missing, please do not hesitate to let us know so we can arrange for more to be printed. If you have any further questions you may contact school on the main phone number or on Childsupport@kirkstallss.net.

Weblinks:

Oak National Academy: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/year-groups>

White Rose Maths: <https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/summer-term/> please note- the videos are on the website- but school pays a premium for the worksheets- so they are downloaded and access through our website- on your child's year group page- under school closure advice

BBC Bitesize: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons>

Phonics Videos: This link takes you to the phonics videos which have been created since Easter. There are videos available for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 level. Older children may also benefit from revising some of these skills: <https://wandleenglishhub.org.uk/lettersandsounds/reception>

Class Dojo

To help support/develop the link between school and home we are also trialling a new method of communication for us – 'Class Dojo'. We have used Class Dojo in school before but never in this way. The platform will enable parents and/or pupils to message their teachers, sending in photos of their home learning and then in turn their teachers will be able to reward dojo points to pupils for their efforts. We will trial this for the remainder of the term and if successful, we will continue to use it next year. More information will be coming out about this next week.

KSS Challenge

Last week's challenge was 'to cook or bake something special'. Thank you to everyone who sent in their pictures, you have all made us feel very hungry! Here is the link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ixf0nsShnuo>

This week's challenge is slightly different, as we are missing out on a sports day this year we are asking families **'to have their own mini-sports day!'**

We would like to see up to 3 events per child/family and these can be as creative as you like. It could be done indoors or outdoors- just a bit of fun. Could you have a spoon and potato race? Could you have a sack race? (pillow cases or sleeping bags?) What about skipping races, long jump activities or anything else which would work in your setting. We would welcome any short video clips, photos, write ups, or pictures of homemade medals and certificates. Enjoy!

Mrs Eileen Howes

Thank you to everyone who made the effort to come down to the Morris Lane crossing today to pay their final respects to Eileen Howes- our lovely lollipop lady. It was so touching to see how much she meant to our community.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend,

Best Wishes, Stay Safe

Miss Barnett

Deputy Headteacher