

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday January 16th



Welcome

Welcome to Newsletter - number 18 of the current school year. All previous newsletters can be found on our school website www.holland.lancsngfl.ac.uk

A message from our sponsor.

Thanks to everyone for their continued support during these difficult times. Nearly all our children are engaging in one of our approaches to remote learning and more and more children are taking part in our Google Classrooms. Marvellously 96% of Class 5B were taking part in the same maths lesson on Thursday morning.

Local data about COVID 19

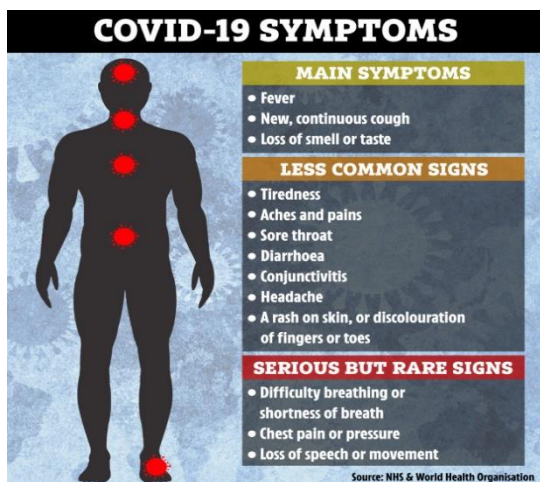
In the last week the situation in the North West has become more serious which means we are all being asked to work together to drive COVID infection rates down. As you know we are all being urged to stay at home to protect the NHS and save lives - only leaving the home when it is absolutely necessary to do so. In this context I am writing to remind you that your child should stay at home and access remote learning if it is at all possible to do so. This will reduce the number of households mixing and the transmission of the virus in our area. Basically we need to ensure that the number of children accessing the offer of provision in school is kept to the lowest number possible. Therefore, in line with updated government guidance even if you are a critical worker, if your child(ren) can remain at home rather than attend school, on some or all days, then they should. **Now that I've mentioned this to families, as I've been asked to, I can go on to praise the Holland Moor response.**

School Attendance during Lockdown 3

Again thanks to everyone for their understanding of the challenges we face in school. Our attendance this week has varied from 17.5 % to 21.8%. That's excellent. The considerate response from families containing critical workers has meant I have been able to react positively to urgent or pressing needs.

COVID 19 Symptoms

This is a very useful information leaflet and one that we are currently using in school.



Face Coverings

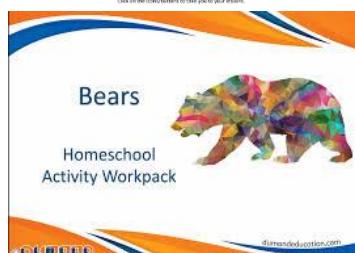
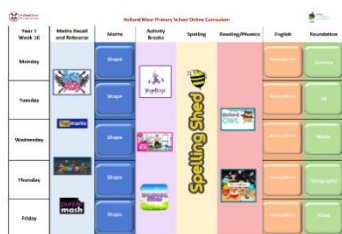
Thanks to everyone who has followed our request to wear face coverings around the school site. It really helps to make everyone feel safer. Thanks also to parents and carers of nursery aged children who are keeping so well to our structured handover procedures.

Uniform and PE Kit

Our relaxed approach has worked well so far this term and it seems a very good idea that the same procedures continue.

Remote Learning

It was great to read the Ofsted report on remote learning this week. Our team of esteemed inspectors very much advocate the mixed approach that we are taking - including



1. Our timetabled system showing daily lessons and activities. Clicking on the lesson / activity starts the learning.
2. Google classroom – an exciting mix of live and pre-recorded lessons. We are getting over 40 children linked to some lessons- following the teaching, asking questions, answering questions, receiving feedback and getting told off. It's working wonderfully.
3. Facebook – Daily stories, PE lessons, Meditations, Yoga and Assemblies.
4. Workpacks – Workpacks for next week, (Week 18) were available from yesterday morning. Many were collected from the school office and we also offer a delivery service. Please remember if you are using the worksheets at home and you need some guidance, phone Holland Moor on our designated mobile

number 07539635522 and there will always be someone there to offer support. Children are welcome to call.

5. Facetime – Class 2M are continuing with their live reading sessions. We are hoping to extend this offer to other classes too.
6. We also offer many other interactions including Purple Mash, Numbots, Phonics Play and our newest app monitored activity - Teach Your Monster to Read.

Remote Learning Policy / Remote Learning Devices

We have now been able to loan out the first of the devices made available to us from central government. So far we have received seven but we are expecting another 25. Once the items are in school it takes us a couple of days to set them up and to get loan agreements in place. Some families who answered our survey last week, would certainly meet the criteria for a loan but unfortunately did not fill in the – Who are You? Section. We are not being rude if we appear to ignore your requests.

New Year 2021 Colouring Competition



Closing date Friday January 22nd

Free Data to allow pupils access to remote learning

This is part of the national scheme to support home-learning. To be eligible for the free data allowance parents/carers must meet the following criteria:

- They do not have fixed broadband at home
- They cannot afford additional data for their devices
- Their child /children are experiencing disruption to their face-to-face education

They must also be on one of the following networks:
EE, O2, Sky Mobile, SMARTY, Tesco Mobile, Three, Virgin Mobile or Vodafone

If you meet all these criteria and you want to access the scheme we then need to gather the following information:

- The name of the account holder
- The number of the mobile device
- The mobile network of that device (for example Three)

Please contact me (head@hollandmoor.lancs.sch.uk) or phone the school office 01695725062 if you want us to link you into this offer.

Internet Safety - Parenting Sessions Tuesday 9th February 10.00am & 6.30pm

Lancashire County Council are promoting some Internet Safety courses and below I include a description of the training. I joined one of these sessions before Christmas and found it very useful. For example I discovered how to keep my daughter much safer on Tik-Tok and how to stop her being scammed on Roblox.

During these difficult times most people have spent more time online, including our children. This session will consider and discuss the main risks that affect children aged 3-11 years. These include risks associated with gaming, social media and inappropriate content such as online grooming, scamming, imagery and bullying. Useful parental online safety support tools and resources will be highlighted and discussed.

Sessions will be 1 hour. You'll need Zoom to access the course

To book click the link below:

<https://parentevenings.parentapps.co.uk/shares/parenting-sessions/>

Lunch Menu

From now on I'll publish the lunch menu in the weekly newsletter. Next weekend there will be more detail and I'll include the many extras and alternatives we offer. There is always a vegetarian alternative to these main meals.

Monday 18th	Scouse	Fish Fingers
Tuesday 19th	All Day Breakfast	Chicken Fried Rice
Wednesday 20th	Roast Dinner	Cheese and Tomato Pasta
Thursday 21st	Burger in a Bun	Sausage/Cheese Roll
Friday 22nd	Chicken Tikka	Cheese Pie and half-jacket

Flooding on Cornbrook

We seem to have major difficulties on the main approach to school whenever there is even remotely heavy rain. Families are getting splashed and some parents are having to make detours in very unpleasant conditions. I frequently contact West Lancs District Council about the problem and on Thursday I wrote to Rosie Cooper. If anyone feels like doing the same-I would be most grateful. We need a long-term solution to the problem. The general carriageway is in poor condition too.

Here's wishing you a great rest of the weekend! MIKE BEALE 16/01/2021

