

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday January 23rd



Welcome

Welcome to Newsletter - number 19 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.

I've been absolutely delighted this week with the response, in so many different ways, to the lessons we are delivering in school or via Google Classrooms and also to the workpacks, our Facebook activities and the learning accessed from our website. The number of children involved has been incredibly high with nearly 60 children involved in one KS2 mathematics lesson. Such numbers remind me of class numbers when I was a young teacher. Of course, in those days teaching assistants hadn't been invented and I went home every day covered in chalk!

As I say the response to our home learning is varied and I feel this is a good thing - for example this week

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| Child 1 | Engaged in each Google Classroom lesson every day, all week and submitted work |
| Child 2 | Took part in Google Classroom two days and our workpacks three days |
| Child 3 | Listened to the Facebook story every day and followed Oak academy lessons |
| Child 4 | Just about completed two activities each day, often moodily and sometimes requiring bribery |
| Child 5 | Two days working in school and three days Google Classroom from home, plus Facetime reading |

One of these children is my own eleven-year-old daughter – so believe me I know how challenging home learning can be.

Remote Learning – Our Offer

Our timetabled system available from the website showing daily lessons and activities. Clicking on the lesson / activity starts the learning.

Google classroom – an exciting mix of live and pre-recorded lessons. Participants follow the teaching, ask questions, answer questions and receive feedback.

Facebook – Daily stories, PE lessons, Meditations, Yoga and Assemblies.

Workpacks for next week, (Week 19) were available from yesterday morning. We will be delivering some on Monday morning. Please phone 07539635522 for help with any workpack activity.

Facetime – we are continuing with live reading sessions. I am pleased that we have been able to extend this activity to different classes recently .

We also offer many other interactions including Purple Mash, Numbots, Phonics Play and Teach Your Monster to Read

Time to Chat

Some children working from home may benefit from a quick chat with their teacher either regularly or occasionally. Indeed, we are already doing this with some children. If you think this would be of value let me or the office know and your child's teacher will make a call.

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 19.5 % to 22%.

Lateral Flow Testing for Holland Moor Staff

The latest Department of Education policy in practice gives schools the opportunity to offer all staff access to Lateral Flow Tests. School staff can use these 'rapid tests' twice a week. The aim being to identify staff members that could be carrying the virus but are not showing symptoms. This will, potentially, help us reduce the spread of the virus and keep all of the members of our school community safer.

Whilst identifying asymptomatic staff will help us reduce the spread of the virus, it may also mean, **that there are more regular closures of school bubbles.** This will be unavoidable and we have to follow the DfE guidance with regard to bubble closures. This is part of our duty of care. Most staff will take the tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings and must inform me of the result. Clearly it is only after I receive the result that I can put in place any subsequent, necessary actions, including informing parents / carers of any bubble close. I will do my utmost to avoid any closure.

Remote Learning Policy / Remote Learning Devices

The 25 additional ipads have now arrived and we should have them ready for distribution very soon after we've added virus checkers and downloaded the required apps. Not all are allocated so please let me know if access to such hardware would help your child be involved in our live teaching or improve their learning experience in any other way.

January 2021 Colouring Competition



The January competition is now closed and I'll announce the winners next weekend.

Free Data to allow pupils access to remote learning.

We have received very few expressions of interest in this scheme but it remains open

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.

Lunch Menu



From now on I'll publish the lunch menu in the weekly newsletter. This week there is more detail and I've included the many extras and alternatives we offer. There is always a vegetarian alternative to the main meals.

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| Monday 25th | Sausage, Mash, Veg and Gravy | Sweet and Sour Chicken with Egg Noodles |
| | Apple Crumble and Custard | Chocolate Crispie Cakes |
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| Tuesday 26th | Meatballs and Pasta in Tomato Sauce | Bacon or Vegetable Brunch with Vegetables |
| | Raspberry Buns | Orange Cookies |
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| Wednesday 27th | Margherita or Pepperoni Pizza Slice and Chips | Tempura Fish Goujons and Chips |
| | Chocolate Sponge and Peppermint Sauce | Oat Cookies |
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| Thursday 28th | Beef or Vegetarian Lasagne with Garlic Bread | Mediterranean Puff Pastry Tart with Half-Jacket and Vegetables |
| | Iced Cake | Chocolate Cheesecake |
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| Friday 29th | Hot Chicken Wraps in BBQ Sauce or Sweet Chilli Sauce | Cottage Pie with Red Cabbage, Vegetables and Gravy |
| | Rice Pudding and Jam | Syrup Cookies |

Milk, Juice or Water are available each day.

Additional alternatives available every day include fresh fruit, cheese and crackers, ice cream, yogurts, salads, wraps, baguettes, sandwiches and jacket potatoes with assorted fillings.



Flooding on Cornbrook

Thanks to those of you who contacted me to say you would write/email West Lancs District Council. I received copies of some of the communications. Thanks again. Your efforts are very much appreciated. The flooding got worse as the week went on and on Thursday evening I wasn't even sure I'd get through to the other side of Lake Cornbrook.

Worth Having A Look At

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health have developed an important traffic light system to help parents make the right decisions for their children.

https://www.rcpch.ac.uk/sites/default/files/2020-04/covid19_advice_for_parents_when_child_unwell_or_injured_poster.pdf

Here's wishing you a great rest of the weekend! MIKE BEALE 23/01/2021

