

A Weekend Update from Holland Moor- Saturday February 27th



Welcome

Welcome to Newsletter - number 24 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.



We are all very much looking forward to having the whole school roll back together from 8th March. Broadly speaking we will follow the same arrangements that served us all so well between September 2020 and December 2020 including, bubbles, distancing, one-way systems, masks or face coverings for adults in circulation areas and outside, meals in the classrooms, ventilation and staggered starts etc. I'll send out further guidance next Thursday but please feel absolutely free to email or phone me for any further information or clarification you may need.

World Book Day



We'll be celebrating World Book Day next Thursday – 4th March. There will be many different activities on Google Classrooms, in workpacs etc. At the top of each hour on both Facebook and Google Classroom a Masked Reader will be reading from their favourite book. Have a guess who each of the six readers may be and send me your answers. There will be a £10 prize for the winner.

The Family Learning Team at Lancashire Adult Learning are promoting the following World Book Day activities.

KS1- Monsters, Dinosaurs and Poop!

Thurs 4th March 9:30am-1am or 1pm-2:30pm

Join them for a special World Book Day themed session based on two books by 'the author of the moment': Tom Fletcher. Expect monsters, dinosaurs and poop! This fun, online session has been created so that families can listen to the stories together and carry out fun craft activities from home.

ENROL HERE for 9:30-11am:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12513

Enrol here for 1-2:30pm:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12341

KS2-The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse (Art, Illustrations, storyboards and more!)

Thurs 4th March 1pm-2:30pm

Join the family learning team and a professional artist and learn as a family the art of illustration, story boards, journaling and more!

ENROL HERE:

https://portal.mis.nelsongroup.ac.uk/Page/U_PublicCourseDetails?uio_id=12342

Poetry



Our children have been writing some poems based on the theme of friendship that are going to be published in the About the Town local magazine. Here's a short but very meaningful poem written by Liam from Year 5

I am your friend and will always be there.

Through thick and thin.

No matter what.

All it takes is to trust one another and help one another.

If you need me,

I will be there for you.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium



We appreciate that these have been extremely challenging times for everyone and that some family circumstances have changed, even just temporarily. The government have been supportive during 'school closures' and class 'bubble closures' providing £15 per week in ASDA/ALDI vouchers for those children whose families qualify for FSM. It is quick and simple to find out if you are eligible and once your child qualifies you will then be supported in the same way and you will no longer need to pay for school meals. As a school we gain an extra £1300 for every child entitled to FSM. Once this is agreed we get the £1300 for every year that pupil is at Holland Moor. Sometimes it's difficult to persuade families to apply if they are receiving free school meals anyway as part of the infant universal free school meal scheme but every successful application makes a big financial difference to us.

Please take a few minutes to apply if you think you may qualify.

https://lancashire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Free_school_meals_and_pupil_premium

School Clubs



In my next newsletter – Saturday March 6th I'll detail the clubs we will be offering from March 8th. We are allowed to run as many outside activities as we like so there will be quite a few.

Class of the Week. This week we visit RK



The class topic has been 'The Tiger who Came to Tea.' Everyone enjoyed sharing the book and the children thought that Sophie and her Mum were very kind to the tiger. The class made shopping lists for Sophie to take to the shops so she could fill the cupboards for the tiger to empty. The children amazed all the staff with their beautiful writing and excellent use of phonics. All involved got crafty making tiger masks and had a tea party to round off the week.

Remote Learning Policy / Remote Learning Devices



We have acquired a total of 46 Ipads and 52 laptops under the government scheme. In future weeks I'll update you about how we are going to use this new hardware. There are endless possibilities.

Our Recovery Plan / Our Catch-Up Programme



Once we are all back together teachers will make fairly quick assessments of any gaps in learning and identify how this can be addressed. We might need to adjust the curriculum, organise the occasional smaller teaching group and we'll certainly be teaching some 1:1 sessions. There may be a few children who need an individual plan. Whatever we do – we will keep parents and carers fully updated.

Time to Chat



We are still offering each child learning at home the opportunity to chat to their class teacher. Please contact the office if this would be useful. An individual conversation before returning might help many children.



When school is fully open we operate a Time to Talk opportunity when individual children can request a 1:1 conversation with Mrs Ratcliffe. Anyone wishing to continue this opportunity can ring the school office 01695725062 or the school mobile and arrange a call-back from Mrs Ratcliffe. This opportunity is, of course organised under our normal safeguarding procedures. Parents can request a call to their child too.

February 2021 Colouring Competition



24 entries received. I'll announce the winner next Saturday.

Lunch Menu – Week 20 – Starting Monday February



Each week we publish the lunch menu in this weekly newsletter. We now include the many extras and alternatives we offer. There is always a vegetarian alternative to the main meals.

Monday March 1st	BBQ Chicken and Rice	Pasta in Tomato and Mascarpone Sauce with Vegetables
	Lemon Drizzle Cake and Custard	Jam Tarts
Tuesday March 2nd	Minced Beed and Onion Pie	Chicken Roast with Vegetables and Gravy Quorn Fillet with Vegetables and Gravy
	Jelly and Ice Cream	Manchester Tart
Wednesday March 3rd	Sausage and Mash Vegetarian Sausage and Mash	Chinese Chicken Curry and Rice
	Assorted Cookies	Chocolate Crispie Cakes
Thursday March 4th	Macaroni Cheese	Sausage Roll with Curly Fries Vegan Sausage Roll with Curly Fries
	Harvest Fruit Cake and Custard	Assorted Delicious but Healthy Biscuits
Friday March 5th	Chicken in a Bun with Oven Chips	Fish Fingers with Vegetables and Oven Chips

	Iced Sponge	Peaches and Ice Cream
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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.

Soon to be Very Remote Learning – Our Offer – I celebrate our Mixed Approach.



Our timetabled system available from the website showing daily lessons and activities. Clicking on the lesson / activity starts the learning. Week 23 has been uploaded.

Google classroom – an exciting mix of live and pre-recorded lessons. Participants follow the teaching, ask questions, answer questions and receive feedback. There's the occasional activity included that demands an independent approach too. We like to challenge!

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

Workpacks for next week, (Week 23) 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, TT Rockstars Numbots, Phonics Play and Teach Your Monster to Read

Charanga Music - You will need to go to CharangaYumu which is on lancashiremusichub.co.uk/yumu and then log in using the details – username p1747940 and password soprano

Individual instrumental tuition will continue.

Here's wishing you a great rest of the weekend MIKE BEALE 27/02/2021



The Charlie Waller Memorial Trust
Depression - let's get talking

Helping your child back to school

Plan
ahead
together -
try using
pictures...

...the
morning
routine, their
uniform, the
journey to
school

Focus on
what you
both **can** do

Not
everything
will be different -
the staff, building
and some
routines will still
be familiar

Give
praise
when they
talk about a
worry

It's **OK** to
feel worried
about change -
let them know
that!

