



Rosecroft Primary & Nursery School Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

We fast find ourselves at the end of another week, this one bringing announcements and information that will affect us all. Thank you for bearing with us as we focus on the challenge of reopening our school to those pupils as identified by the Government. This has involved a significant amount of work behind the scenes as we gather the information we need to inform our risk assessments, which ultimately will enable us to open safely. We know that this is a time of mixed emotions for everyone across the country, from elation and hope that the end of lockdown may be in sight, to the fear of the unknown as we embark on the next stages of what has been described by many as 'the new normal'.

I would like to reassure every member of our school community; pupils, parents, staff, governors and visitors, your safety is our priority. As such, while we plan carefully for our return, we know that our routines will not be the same as when we left in March. School will be very different as we use all that we learned in our pre-lockdown running of the school, as well as how we have safely maintained provision while at Attleborough Primary School, to adapt to the current situation. While we plan for this return, I must also make it clear that things are likely to change on a daily basis as we respond to new guidance and our on-going evaluation of those risk assessments we have in place. To this end, we will be sending out as many surveys as we can so that we can best adapt to these changes and respond in a short timeframe. We appreciate that this may be frustrating, but our end goal is always to keep everyone safe and ask for your support in this. We will continue to keep you as informed about our plans as we can as soon as we are able, but in the meantime, thank you for your patience.

I'd like to thank everyone who has taken the time to email the school to thank us for everything we have done to support our families; this has meant a lot to staff. Over the last 2 months, in an effort to reduce the significant burden on schools and enable them to prioritise their response to the COVID-19 crisis, a number of key responsibilities have been lifted, from the temporary suspension of Ofsted Inspections to changes in the way schools keep in touch with parents. As a school, we appreciate all parents who have kept in touch with us about their children so that we can help as best we can; remember, you can always contact your child's class teacher about their work or any worries you may have about their school work while we are closed via the class emails. We aim to respond as fast as we can and appreciate your understanding that this might not be immediately!

As you will know from our previous newsletters, the safety and wellbeing of the whole school community has been not only a top priority for us as staff, but a priority of the Government, the Local Authority and the Local Safeguarding Children's Board. This has ranged from the 'See Something, Hear Something, Say Something' campaign about Domestic Violence during lockdown, to our own key messages about where to access help if you are concerned about the welfare of a child if you are unable to get in touch with us. On Wednesday, the Local Safeguarding Children's Board added another strand to their safeguarding campaign aimed at keeping children safe online. As part of this campaign, they have produced posters for children and parents, as well as a tips for parents sheet. These documents are attached to today's newsletter for you, together with the 'See Something, Hear Something, Say Something' posters. As always, please get in touch with us if you have any concerns around safeguarding that you would like to talk to us about.

Finally, we say goodbye to Natalie Harvey and Stella Savage. They have been wonderful members of our office team and contributed much to Rosecroft during their time with us. Although they will be missed by us all, we wish them every success in the future.

With the weather set to return to warmer temperatures, I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes, Rhiannon Price

Nursery update

Hello to all our Nursery children!

Our new online learning this week is based on the book Tiddler, while in school we have been learning the story of Goldilocks and the three bears. The children have made Goldilocks hair and sequenced the pictures from the story. If you'd like to know more or do this at home, you can find more on Pinterest.

Please keep sending things in for learning stories as we love seeing what you've been doing at home.

With love from the Rosebuds Team

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Reception

Thank you for your messages, emails and clips. It is so good seeing and hearing about what you have been doing at home. We hope that you have found the home learning ideas and the tapestry posts useful. Please continue to use Tapestry and the class email to contact us with any queries or lovely stuff from the children.

Remember, to access the suggestions you need to go onto the website, hover over the 'Working from Home' at the top and select reception from the drop down menu.

Take care of yourselves. Stay safe and well.

Kind regards,

from all the grown-ups in Reception.

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Year 3

Hello Year 3!

We hope you enjoyed the VE Day celebrations. If you did anything for the celebrations we would love to see pictures or work so please email them to your class teacher. We have loved the work, photographs and videos we have received so far, you are all doing a fantastic job! When we are not doing our school work the Year 3 teachers have been doing a variety of fun things. Mr Leather is out riding his bike in the countryside and doing DIY. Miss Clydesdale is watching all of the Star Wars films and cooking 'proper' food and not cake for once! Miss Snowden has been taking her dog on long walks and completing jigsaw puzzles. Do your best with this week's home learning and enjoy your week.

The Year 3 Team

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Year 1

Hello Year 1s!

We hope that you are enjoying your home learning around fairy tale stories. Next week is going to be a little different, as we are going to be using the Oak National Academy website for our Maths and English lessons. We think that the Oak National Academy website has lots of fun lessons and activities and our whole school is going to give them a try!

If Mrs May, Mrs Scales or Mrs Cooper haven't managed to contact you and your family by phone yet, please do not worry. We will keep trying when we are in school, but if there is something you would like to ask us or talk to us about please remember to use the class emails to contact us.

We hope that you have been doing lots of fun things at home with your family. Mrs May, Mrs Scales and Mrs Cooper have all been spending lots of time reading every day and as reading is so important to every part of your learning, we hope that you are finding the time to read a story every day too. If you discover a new story that you love, it would be fantastic if you could email your teacher about any books that you have loved reading, as we might be able to share it as a class when we go back to school!

With love from the whole Year 1 team.

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Year 2

Hello to all the Year 2 children and their families,

We hope you are all well and keeping safe. Perhaps by now you have struck up a bit of a routine to organise all the home learning and activities you are up to; hopefully you are building in plenty of time for family fun also!

So from this week onwards your home learning activities will change each week. We hope that you will still find lots of exciting things to choose from. We are using the Oak National Academy online lessons for Maths and Literacy. These are great video based lessons delivered by real teachers. We hope you find these useful. We have also included some foundation lesson ideas for you to try at home or use the BBC bitesize lessons if you prefer.

This past week was rather special as the Bank Holiday on Friday was also VE Day, when lots of the country celebrated the anniversary of the end of WW2 in Europe. Some villages and towns organised socially distanced celebrations, maybe you decorated your house with appropriate bunting or flags in remembrance and celebration of people like Capt. Tom Moore who fought so that we can all enjoy the freedoms we have; even if those freedoms feel a distant memory at the moment.

Please remember we always love to see and hear what you are up to so please keep sending emails to us at deers@rosecroft.school , moles@rosecroft.school , and badgers@rosecroft.school

Hopefully by now you will have been contacted by a member of staff from your class. It has been a great opportunity to hear what you have been doing and reassure you that in these somewhat strange times we miss you, as much as you miss us!

Please keep sending us your messages and pictures, its lovely to stay in touch. Together we are stronger and we will get through this!

With love from the Year 2 Team

Year 4

Hello year 4!

Another week has passed and everyone in our year 4 team are very proud of everyone who has been working hard and trying their best at home. Mrs Roberts, Mrs Spall and Miss Todd have been making phone calls home, and it has been great to check in!

Keep emailing your class teacher with recommended reads! Miss Todd has been reading Max and the Millions by Ross Montgomery. It is about a young boy sent to a grim boarding school, who discovers a miniature world filled with tiny people! Remember, if you have read all your books at home, you can always go online to listen to free audio books!

Links to books being read online:

Holes - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-EK4ipGMh18&list=PL-W5HxgH-8atXJGP2xpsJCI1I0unBdKo6>

David Walliams, elevenses -

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>

Georges Marvellous Medicine -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=niL_h6kYPbk

We hope to see you soon!

Everyone in the year 4 team!

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Year 5

To all our wonderful Year 5 pupils and families,

We hope you all had a lovely bank holiday weekend and we have enjoyed hearing about how some of you have celebrated VE day.

From Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May, Kangaroo and Koala Class will be battling it out on Times Table Rockstars to see which class can gain the most points! They will gain points for each correct answer they give on studio or garage games. Best of luck and we look forward to revealing the winners during the following week.

As Year 5 have hopefully seen, Penny the Koala Class mascot has been sending some photos to show what she's been up to in lockdown. Some more exciting news for you: Penny's Australian bestie will be joining her in lockdown. Look out for the new Kangaroo Class mascot soon!

Please continue to send in your amazing learning and creative experiences via photo or video. The Year 5 team absolutely love seeing what you've been up to and we're so incredibly proud of you all.

Our main question for this week is: What have you been reading? Please share photos or videos of your reading for pleasure. Can you find the most unusual place in your house to read your book!? Mr Rhodes is currently reading a mystery novel called 'Magpie Murders' and is waiting for the big twist that was promised on the blurb!

Best wishes,

Year 5 team

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SEN

Fine motor skills

On our website there are lots of resources to support learners with additional needs, including activities to develop fine motor skills (such as handwriting and scissor skills).

<http://www.rosecroft.school/additional-needs/>

Computer software

Clicker 8 is an excellent software package that enables children to create sentences using word banks and to record ideas using mind maps. It is ideal for children that find writing challenging. Crick software are offering free home access to Clicker 8 during the COVID-19 outbreak. Visit <https://www.cricksoft.com/uk/clicker/clicker-at-home> to find out more.

Dyslexia

The British Dyslexia Association are continuing to post free webinars about how to support your child with literacy difficulties during the closures. The latest webinar focuses on 'multisensory toolkit: ideas on a shoestring'. Recordings are available from:

<https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/shop/webinars>

DFE Guidance

The following documents have been produced by the DfE for parents for support and information during the current crisis.

- [opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June](#)
- [schools and childcare providers staying open for critical workers](#)
- [changes to schools and education during the coronavirus outbreak](#)
- [supporting your children's education](#)
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources>

Office

All home learning activities for each year group can be found on the school website, hover over the 'Working From Home' tab and click on the year group. If there is anything you can't find please let us know.

If you change your email address or mobile numbers please let us know as soon as possible in order that we can keep our records up to date and are able to keep you informed.

Also, if you are not receiving emails from us please let us know and we will check we have your correct email address.

If you have any queries please contact us on: office@rosecroft.norfolk.sch.uk

Stay safe!

FORPS Lockdown Quiz

Round 8

1. What magical item does Aladdin use to fly on?
2. Of what African country was Nelson Mandela president?
3. What are the colours of the five Olympic rings?
4. What do tadpoles turn into?
5. Which is the largest ocean in the world?
6. In which Australian city is the Opera House?
7. What is the name of the plumber who features in several video games?
8. What is the largest country in Scandinavia?
9. What is the name of Peter Pan's pirate enemy?
10. Which planet is closest to the sun?

The answers to this quiz and Round 9 will be in next week's newsletter.

FORPS Lockdown Quiz Answers to Rounds 3 – 7

Round 3

1. Herbivore
2. 1945
3. TARDIS
4. Heart
5. Red and yellow
6. 48
7. Bear
8. Horse chestnut
9. Fruit
10. Kid

Round 4

1. Blue
2. Iris
3. Egypt
4. 32
5. Blue, red and yellow
6. Amazon and the Nile
7. Belgium
8. Mob
9. The Houses of Parliament
10. Arctic

Round 5

1. 1000
2. Hedwig
3. Jupiter
4. Manny
5. Leonardo da Vinci
6. The White House
7. 30 days
8. Olaf
9. Gold
10. Pen

Round 6

1. Thermometer
2. Plants
3. Caddy
4. Meerkat
5. Earth
6. Dopey
7. France
8. Meat
9. Arctic
10. Eye

Round 7

1. Boxing
2. Asland
3. Egypt
4. Bishop
5. Black
6. Mouse
7. Lizard
8. Astronomer
9. Equator
10. Tooth