



CUDHAM
CE Primary School

NEWSLETTER

3rd April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all of you who have sent the clips in for our second fantastic song video. I have watched last weeks so many times with tears of joy, love and sadness of missing everyone so much.

I do hope you have all managed to keep safe this week, those of you who have been touched by bugs I hope are now getting better and I do hope you are finding some nice things to do at home and enjoy each other's company.

Attached to this newsletter is the Easter Holiday Challenges; it seems strange to still be having an Easter Holiday I am guessing for the children, but we are adhering to this so the formal learning will start on Monday 20th April again. Your class teachers will be sending home learning tasks for each of the classes, on a Friday with comments and note to be returned the following week. There are a selection of literacy, numeracy, topic and topic activities to be done each week around a theme. We are not sending a definitive timetable home for you to follow as by now I am hoping you have all got into a routine. Please do ensure that your children do complete at least one literacy, numeracy, reading and topic activity each day as well as some outdoor down time. We would like to have children share their learning with their class teachers as it will continue to support us in planning for the next steps in their learning when we return to school. If you have any questions when the tasks are set or need clarification do please email your class teacher direct.

For your information the teachers emails addresses and are as follows and the areas they can support in:

Mrs Boorer – Pre school

Naomi.boorer@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Ms Mckatherine – EYFS and Topic

Kerry.mckatherine@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Miss Read – Rose class, Phonics, reading and literacy homelearning

Danielle.read@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Mrs Davies – Honeysuckle Class

Amy.davies@aquinastrust.org

Mrs Dowdeswell – Honeysuckle Class and 11+ prep

Ldowdeswell@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Mr Finch – Forget me not class and maths

Dan.finch@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Mrs Shackleton – Child protection concerns, general school queries

Geraldine.shackleton@aquinastrust.org

Mrs Wickens – emotional wellbeing

Julie.wickens@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Mrs Peck – Office matters, school meal vouchers

Heather.peck@cudham.bromley.sch.uk

Rev Musson – Spiritual learning, RE in school and prayer support

w.j.musson@gmail.com

We would encourage you to use this channel of communication for the following:

- Asking for clarification if there is something in your child's home learning that you are unsure about
- Asking for further suggestions for activities/games/online videos or sites you could use
- Asking how to adjust a piece of work to suite your child's needs
- Asking if a particular resource you have found through your own research is suitable for your child's ability
- Checking if a particular strategy e.g. long division would be suitable or appropriate for your child, considering the curriculum requirements for their year group.



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Suggesting a resource or activity that has worked well for your child at home that you would like to recommend to others in the year group.

Please can we ask that you only use emails to staff between 9.00am and 4.00pm to all our wonderful staff time to maintain a work life balance.

Please try and keep all messages to class teachers about the learning, if you have other concerns you can either email Mrs Shackleton or Mrs Wickens. Do allow staff 48 hours to answer your question, if they haven't got back to you by then please give them a friendly reminder as something many have gone wrong.

Please refrain from asking staff to give you individual detailed information about your child, they don't have access to the class leaning books nor their assessments.

Staff are not able to send whole class messages using the emails so can only respond to individual queries.

Sorry this does seem like a very long list of do's and don'ts but I am sure you will understand.

Finally below are some useful website links that deal with the Corona virus and family mental health. I am sure we have all had moments this week where we have longed for the 'normality' of just going out and popping to the shops, park etc. Please do be aware that our new routine may last a little while and we do all need to look after ourselves.

Have a look through them as I am sure you will find something of interest, I particularly like the Anna Freud website 😊

All that remains is for us to all wish you well, stay safe and look after yourselves.

God bless,

Mrs Shackleton and Mr Finch

Anna Freud – a training centre providing support for families, educationalists and young people
<https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/anna-freud-learning-network/coronavirus/>
<https://edpsy.org.uk/blog/2020/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-children-families-and-professionals/>

National Autistic Society – guidance and helpline for parents', young people and staff:
[https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/vanguard/news/2020/march/coronavirus-\(covid-19\)-advice.aspx](https://www.autism.org.uk/services/nas-schools/vanguard/news/2020/march/coronavirus-(covid-19)-advice.aspx)

Mencap - Easy Read guide to Coronavirus:
<https://www.mencap.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-03/Information%20about%20Coronavirus%20ER%20SS2.pdf>

Place2Be – Guide to helping parents answer questions from their children and to support family wellbeing:
<https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2020/march/coronavirus-information-for-children/>

Young Minds - Talking to your child about Coronavirus and 10 tips from their Parents Helpline to support family wellbeing:
<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-child-about-coronavirus/>

Carers UK - Guidance for carers: <https://www.carersuk.org/help-and-advice/health/looking-after-your-health/coronavirus-covid-19>

Covibook – an interactive resource designed to support and reassure children aged 7 and under, designed to help children explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing during the pandemic:
<https://www.mindheart.co/descargables>