



HEATHFIELD SCHOOLS' PARTNERSHIP

8th January 2021

NEWSPLETTER

Welcome back and Happy New Year. I hope you and your family are safe and well. It is certainly not the start we all wanted but we are committed to making the lockdown as near a normal school experience as it can be. We need your commitment. Our expectation is that all children take part in learning whether in school or at home. Home learning is really important and is a major focus for us in the school. We will regularly review and add to our offer but know that it will only be effective if the children take part. It is absolutely essential that every child logs on every day, completes the activities and returns the work whether a post in Nursery or a piece of writing in Year 6. We are here to support you, so if you have any problems with technology or questions about the work please get in touch. Paul Clayton

Home Learning Week 1

The children have made a good start to their home learning. We have been very impressed with the enthusiasm from those who have engaged. Each weekday your child should complete the work for their year group as posted on Tapestry (infants) and the Home Learning Hub (juniors). Please ensure your child posts their completed work daily on Tapestry (infants) or emails their class teacher (juniors). Your child's class teacher will be in touch a couple of times a week to catch up and see how you are getting on.

Singing with Mr Speck



Look out for Mr Speck's wonderful singing videos which will be posted weekly for children (and adults!) to enjoy. The videos will be available from next week on the Home Learning Hub on the school website as well as on Tapestry for our infant children.

Online Reading Courses for Parents

Coram Beanstalk are running a series of practical online training courses designed to help parents and carers encourage and support their children's development as readers. There are different courses to choose from and more will become available in the coming weeks. There is a small cost involved. A past participant gave the following feedback, "I really enjoyed this course and even having read regularly with all three of my children there was so much I took away and will use moving forward."



Creating Readers

<https://www.beanstalkcharity.org.uk/Pages/Events/Category/creating-readers?Take=3>

Feel Good Fridays

Combination Dance are launching *Feel Good Fridays* starting **today at 5pm** for children aged 7-12 years of age.



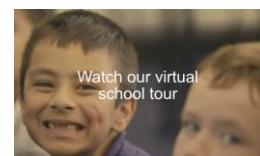
Sessions will include craft, dance, mindfulness and occasional singalongs on Zoom. The cost for the term (ten sessions) is £60, however a free trial session is offered to each household and siblings dance for free. To book email your child's name and year group to: info@combinationdance.co.uk



Applications for Reception and Year 3

A reminder that the closing date for applications for admission in September 2021 to both Reception and Year 3 is next **Friday 15th January**. A virtual tour of our Infant School is available here:

<https://heathfieldschoolspartnership.org/infants/index.php#video-tour>.



Online applications should be made via eAdmissions: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk>

Please note the closing date for applications for our Nursery is **Friday 5th March**. Paper application forms are available from the infant school office.

Asymptomatic Testing for Essential Workers



Richmond Borough Residents

ALL residents in the borough who are either essential workers, volunteering, providing vital support for a vulnerable resident, or need regular reassurance that they don't have COVID-19, can now apply for a rapid COVID-19 test; this test is for people NOT experiencing symptoms or asymptomatic.

We know that up to one in three people who have coronavirus never show any symptoms but that does not mean they are not infectious. Lateral flow devices (LFDs) are one of the tools being used to help us to detect and fight COVID-19.

These tests can allow individuals with no symptoms to check if they have the virus, when they otherwise wouldn't know, and make sure they are not putting others at risk. The rapid turnaround, lateral flow tests – which can give results in under an hour, without the need for laboratory processing.

The Council would like to offer these tests to essential workers, including those who work in supermarkets, taxi or mini cab drivers, transport staff, those who work in key public services or in faith-based organisations. In addition, residents who are volunteering or providing care for a vulnerable person can also apply.

If you are NOT displaying any COVID-19 symptoms and need a test, go to:

https://www.richmond.gov.uk/book_lateral_flow_test or telephone 020 8891 1441.

If your rapid test result is positive you must take a confirmatory PCR test as soon as possible after your result and must self isolate immediately for 10 days.

If you DO have COVID-19 symptoms and need a test, visit <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Hounslow Borough Residents

Please visit the following page for information:

https://www.hounslow.gov.uk/news/article/2256/rapid_covid-19_tests_available_in_hounslow