

# Whitnash Primary School

'Learning, growing and succeeding together'

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**Dear Parents / Carers,**

Due to the school closure for the majority of our pupils, we have made alternative arrangements for learning over the forthcoming weeks. This letter intends to summarise this provision, and we are hoping that you will find this supportive.

We are sending home a new work book and pencil for all children to allow them to complete the work that the school will be setting. We encourage children to take pride in this book and endeavour to ensure that their work is neatly presented using the date, title and cursive handwriting (where children are able) expected normally in school.

Work is being set via a series of Homework Menus, very similar to what children are already used to. These Menus are being sent home in their work books and are available on the school website.

All work for your children can be found and accessed via the 'Class Pages' tab of the website. Your child can then access their relevant class. E.g. Hazel, Pine etc.

**Currently on these pages you will find the following:**

- The current Topic Homework Menu for Spring 2 has been put on the class page of the school website.
- A Homework Menu of English and Maths activities for your child's relevant class for work during the week beginning 23rd March.
- A Homework menu of English and Maths activities for your child's relevant class for work during week beginning 30th March.
- Attachments of work to supplement the work detailed in the Home Work Menus.
- A full list of common exception words for spelling practice for your child's relevant class, and another list of words for spelling. We encourage your children to be learning to read and spell these words fluently. You don't need to use the work book for this – you may choose to put these on the fridge for their reference or find other fun ways to help children learn and practise these words. You can use other note books and paper at home to do this if you have these materials available.



- A reference to the Multiplication Tables children need to be learning for their relevant Year Group/Age.
- A full list of websites for learning as suggestions for parents for each year group - including the Purple Mash Learning Platform, Explorify Science Site and Charanga Music.
- There is also a full list of Reading Materials for children to access. Reading is our school's key priority and the most crucial skill for children to learn. Please keep reading daily with your children, and encourage them to also do this independently.
- Accelerated Reader can still be accessed. The individual Logins for these have also been sent home on a card. This programme allows children to quiz themselves on any books they have read. Any book that is read at home can be quizzed through this programme. This essentially supports children Reading Comprehension. Further information on this can be found on a letter being sent home and on your child's 'Class Page'. This programme does not apply to Reception classes
- Oxford Owls website enables the children to read the appropriate Banded Books e.g. ones for their ability. Details of this are provided in the letter and on the relevant class page. Look at the book your child has in their book bag to find your child's current band.

**Other Learning Available:**

- Purple Mash is a platform for children to log into if they have internet access. Your child has been sent home with a Login for this platform on a laminated card (please don't lose this!). Here they can independently access a range of learning resources, and we encourage them to explore.
- We will be posting a Book of the Week on the school website through the newsletter. These books can be ordered via Amazon.  
Fit4Schools are currently working with the school to develop Physical Education (PE) materials to help keep children active.

**Newsletter:**

We ask that parents and children capture through photos amazing things they have done at home - this can be any home learning in the form of the tasks school has set or independent learning children have chosen for themselves. These photos with a short description can be sent to my email, [Ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:Ellison.d@welearn365.com)

Each week we will then select the best efforts for a weekly achievement award. This will then appear on the newsletter and a certificate will be emailed to your child.

We also ask for you to nominate your children for 'Acts of Kindness'. If your child does something helpful at home or in the community, please let me know. Again these will appear on the newsletter and certificates will be sent.

You can also send other photos of any fun things children are doing or just photos of special family time to fill the middle pages of the newsletter. These pages will help to keep children in touch with one another and provide a lovely sense of community.

All photos and email messages for each week's newsletter need to be received by the Thursday morning to appear in that same week's newsletter.

We hope you agree that this will be a positive and celebratory way of keeping us connected.

Moving forward we may begin to use the Team Platform through your child's 'welearn' Login for learning. This is a system we may begin to use after Easter. We will send full details of this to you should this be the case.

We will miss you all, and are so proud of all we have achieved to date. Keep working hard and we will see you all soon.

With love and thanks,

Mrs Ellison and the Whitnash Team