

School Newsletter – Wednesday 6th May 2020

Message from the Head:

Hello Sutton Park Primary! I trust that you are reading this from the comfort and safety of your own homes. As we enter week 7 of lockdown, it is so important that we continue to follow the rules of social distancing outlined by the government and continue to sacrifice time with loved ones from outside of our own home, in the battle against this virus. This is so difficult - I know everyone will be missing special people who usually have a much more prominent role in their lives. At 35 years of age, I have never wanted my parents more!

It has been wonderful to hear from staff with regards to their phone calls home to pupils. I know they are really enjoying hearing about the home learning taking place and generally chatting with pupils and families. Working in education is a labour of love, often driven by daily contact with our amazing pupils. To be working in isolation from home - without any pupils - is very strange for everyone. We hope that you are finding the phone calls supportive. Please remember that we are on hand for any help you may need.

Please take a look at the 'home learning' sections of this newsletter for ideas and guidance in relation to home learning. I am currently working on a plan to have paper-based home learning packs available to families who are struggling with internet or device access from home. As soon as I have these printed and a safe way of these being collected, I will be in touch.

I am really pleased to report that some of the planned works to improve our school grounds have been able to get started. If you live locally to school, you may have noticed our fabulous new play equipment on the Lewis playground. New equipment has also been installed on Rowling playground. These outdoor renovations are happening as a result of a grant from The Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust. How wonderful it will be to see the children enjoying this when we return to school!

Every pupil in our school knows that I love reading. Bedtime stories with my little girl are an important part of our day. During school closure, we want you to share and enjoy as many stories as you can! To help with this, we will be uploading some story videos to our school website across the next few weeks. Staff have chosen some of their favourites to share with you - I hope you enjoy them ☺

Take good care of yourselves, I miss you all very much!

Mrs Middleton



Follow us on twitter @Suttonparkpri

I hope you have enjoyed our 'Guess Who?' game on Twitter. Who knew the staff of Sutton Park Primary were so adorable?!

On Monday, a fun video from staff also went online for our families to enjoy. Have you seen it?

Please keep up your engagement with our Twitter page. We love hearing from you and especially enjoy seeing the home learning happening during school closures.



Tami Mathieu
@TamiTami
@SuttonParkPri Mission Day 3 -- starting with a little maths game then today we'll be learning about the Space Shuttle (Mrs Mathieu is VERY excited 🚀📚)



samteale07
@samteale071
This morning we have taught Charlie how to tell the time 🕒
@SuttonParkPri #proud #CoronavirusLockdownUK



We will continue to tweet new ideas for home learning and key information throughout school closure.

You can contact school during our closure via the email address below.

We will endeavour to get back to you as soon as possible to answer any queries.

schoolclosure@suttonparkprimary.co.uk

Home learning:

We are continuing to add useful and relevant home learning resources onto our school website via the 'Home Learning' tab in the top menu bar.

Following the Easter break, two fantastic resources went live: **OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY** and **BBC BITESIZE**. Both sites offer learning that incorporates video tuition before children complete independent learning tasks. This can be particularly useful if your child needs concepts explaining before beginning their work. The lesson structures on Oak National Academy are very similar to lesson structures we use across school so these may be particularly useful.

Both websites are free to access and provide structured, progressing input for the core subject areas.



Keyworker Provision:



We are working together with the other PACT schools to continue to provide provision for those children who need it. Whilst the government recommendation is for children to stay at home wherever possible, we are able to provide limited places for children *whose parents are both key workers, or those in single parent homes where that parent is a key worker and they cannot safely stay at home.*

If you require keyworker provision, please email Mrs Middleton: schoolclosure@suttonparkprimary.co.uk

Free school meal allocation:

I would like to extend a **HUGE** thank you to both our School and Trust-based Admin teams who have worked extremely hard, on very tight timescales, to issue FSM vouchers to those families who are eligible.

Vouchers are now issued via the government's chosen supplier **EdenRed** and are sent to parents via email. Each FSM child receives a £15 supermarket voucher per week to replace the meal they would usually get in school.

If you believe you are eligible for free school meals and have not received a code, please visit:

<https://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham> to check your eligibility.

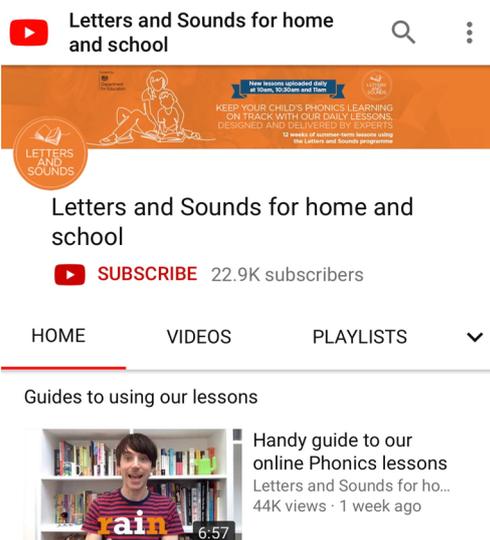


Speech and language support:

A poster for the NHS Birmingham Community Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust Children's Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line. It includes the NHS logo, the text "Children's Speech and Language Therapy Advice Line", the phone number "Call: 0121 466 6231", and the hours "Open Monday to Friday 9am - 4pm". It also lists criteria for who can be called about and provides the website "www.bhamcommunity.nhs.uk/childrens-SLT".

Daily Phonics lessons:

For children in Nursery to Year 2, daily phonics lessons are available online via the Little Sutton English Hub. These lessons follow the 'Letters and Sounds' approach used in school and are a great way of getting in daily oral segmenting and blending practice for early readers. For more information, visit our website or simply search for the YouTube channel shown below:



"And the world came **together** as the people stayed **apart**."
Jennifer Wagner

