

**Newsletter – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March**

Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy few weeks at HB – it seems amazing that only a week ago KS2 children were all settling in at Georgeham for what turned out to be an excellent residential.

But obviously there is much else going on that is occupying all of our minds. In school we are following all the guidance and adapting quickly to the daily updates and changes in order to provide a ‘normal’ service whilst maintaining the highest possible standards of health and safety as we always do. I have to thank the staff for their total commitment in what is a very testing time for everyone. I would also like to thank you for your continued support and understanding. Like all schools around the country we are doing our utmost to ensure the school stays open as requested by the government, however, as each day passes, this is becoming more challenging. High Bickington is such a positive and supportive place – both the school and the village as a whole – and it is clear that the HB community spirit is very much to the fore at the moment.

We have been giving consideration to how learning can continue for children should we be told to close the school in the weeks ahead. There are two options – technology based and utilising more traditional methods:

1. School Website – We have created an additional tab on our school website called ‘Home Learning’ which will be updated as and when we need to close with learning ideas and links to appropriate learning sites.
2. We will send specific work home via the ParentPay email system as required.
3. Paper copies – For those children who have difficulties in accessing the internet at home we are going to provide work that can be completed on paper.

We will send details out on Friday, but children do not need to be doing the work unless school does shut at any point.

NB: Please also remember that your child has access to Mathletics and TT Rockstars.

In the event that we do have to close the school, we will strive to ensure that we communicate as we normally do through Parent Pay and the school website.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on large gatherings of adults, PTA have been forced to cancel the Easter Bingo. We will also not be holding our Easter Service next Wednesday as previously advertised and as of today, there will be no after school clubs until further notice. We will also no longer be inviting parents to sample the food cooked by KS2 children next week.

Best wishes  
Rob Norton

**Class One Scarecrow**

Class one will soon be building a scarecrow for their garden. If anyone has any materials they are willing to donate to this project, they would be gratefully received. We are also still collecting any outgrown wellies or outdoor clothes. Thank you.

**Exmoor Challenge**

The organisers of the Exmoor Challenge have sadly had to cancel the event this year. We will also not be holding the rest of our planned practise walks.

**Week Commencing: 23/03/20**

Monday:  
Tuesday:  
Wednesday:  
Thursday:  
Friday: Class Three Archery  
Last day of term

**Happy Birthday!**

Happy birthday to  
Elliott for the 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## Coronavirus Update Information

Government advice, as at 17.03.2020:

Pupils **must** stay at home and self-isolate for **7 days** if they have either:

- a high temperature - feel hot to touch on chest or back
- a new, continuous cough - started coughing repeatedly

**All** members of the household must stay at home for **14 days** from the day the first person got symptoms.

For further advice please visit PHE website: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

**If your child is self-isolating please inform the school as soon as possible.**

## Stranger Danger Reminder

We have received the following message from Winkleigh Primary School, and felt it important to share with our parent community.

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*It has been brought to our attention, by a parent, that yesterday at around 4.00pm one of our year 4 pupils (whilst in school uniform) was approached outside the shop in Winkleigh by two unknown men.*

*They asked her which school she went to and what time school finishes.*

*We would strongly advise that you do not allow your children to walk home from school alone and that you are aware of their whereabouts at all times.*

*If you or your child sees anything or are approached please contact the Police.*

*Thank you.*

*Kind regards*

*Mrs V Fenemore  
Executive Headteacher.*

## Stars of the Week!

**Class One – Freddie M** for having a real love of learning

**Class Two – Millie** for putting all her efforts into her school work.

**Class Three – Eric** for really focussing on his spellings.

**Class Four – Abigail K** for approaching all tasks with care, craft and skill.



To be presented on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, 10.15am in the Church

## Reading Stars!

**Class One – Freddie R** for working really hard with his reading and phonics.

**Class Two – Kimberley** for showing a real passion for reading a range of books.

**Class Three – Molly** for being enthusiastic about the text she's reading.

**Class Four – Abigail C** for fluent and expressive reading – always with clear understanding.

## What happened at school this week?

These questions are about what has been happening in each class this week and are designed as 'conversation starters' for you to use with your child. We hope that they will provide a useful prompt to encourage conversations about school - talking for just three minutes each day about school has been shown to have a great impact on children's learning!



### Learning Lions

- Can you name a 3D shape by its number of faces?
- Can you draw and write about your own farm?
- Can you find something that grows on a farm?



### Exploring elephants

- Can you draw a map of the world and locate the countries which grow cereals, bananas, rice, coffee and cacao beans?
- Can you recall your number bonds to 10 and 20?
- Can you write a sunshine story?



### Inventive Impalas

- Can you count in tenths using fractions and decimals?
- What did you write in your review?
- What did you learn in RE this week?



### Challenging Cheetahs

- What strategies do you have for  $+$  /  $-$  /  $\times$  /  $\div$  ?
- What personal project ideas do you have?
- What do you need to focus on improving in your written work?

## Home Activities and Homework Tasks

**Class One** – Reading.

**Class Two** – Reading each day at home.

**Class Three** – Spellings, guided reading, multiplication test and reading for pleasure chart. Times Table Rockstars.

**Class Four** – Reading

## Meals W/C 23/03/2020

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cheese Wheels, Potato Waffles & Vegetables	Beef Burger in a Bap, Potato wedges, Baked Beans & Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon, Roast Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables	Turkey & Vegetable Casserole, Rice and Mixed Vegetables	Salmon or Cod Fish Cakes, Golden Fries & Seasonal Vegetables
Iced Fruit Mousse	Apple Cake with Custard	Fruit Platter	Sticky Chocolate Slice	Blueberry Muffin