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Weekly Newsletter

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End of Term

School will close today for the Summer Holidays. Although we cannot all be together for the end of this academic year, and spend the week celebrating as we would usually do, we still want to let you all know how proud you make us.

It has been an interesting and challenging year in many ways and the support from our pupils, families and the community has ensured our whole Higham team has flourished right to the end of the year.

We would like to thank our community for all the effort, hard work and support you have offered to each other and our school.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Year 6 pupils the very best for their future endeavours and hope that they come back and visit us to tell us about all the new things they are doing.

We hope that you have a lovely summer holiday and that you are able to recharge your batteries. We look forward to seeing you all again at the start of the new school year.



Autumn Term 2020

The government have said that all children will return to school for the Autumn Term. We intend to open for all children on Wednesday 26th August. We will of course continue to follow all government guidelines and will keep you updated via newsletter, emails and text messages. We aim to have a clear proposal in place and will inform you of procedures in August. In the meantime, here are a few details we are in a position to share:

- Uniform will be worn by all children. It is the parent's responsibility to maintain the cleanliness of the uniform during the school week. This can be done by ensuring that children change out of their uniform IMMEDIATELY they get home and by regular washing.
- Children will wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE. This will enable washing of uniform at home and further reduce the spread of germs in school.
- ALL clothing must be labelled clearly with the child's name. Children will be expected to be responsible for their belongings and to take them home daily. School staff will not be responsible for handling lost property.
- Packed lunches will be provided for children entitled to free school meals and also those in EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2 entitled to Universal Infant Meals. All other children will need to bring their own packed lunch. There will be no hot meal service.
- All children will need a named, filled water bottle. Please wash and refill each day.
- Staggered start and finish times are likely to continue although these may be different to those currently in place.
- Children will be grouped in whole class bubbles.
- We are planning a "recovery curriculum" that will identify and address the greatest needs of our children upon return to school.
- Breakfast Club will not be open as this would cause contamination across bubbles.
- A reduced after school provision will be offered to ensure class bubbles are maintained

We hope this goes some way towards reassuring you that we will be ready to receive all children in August. It is important to reiterate the government's instruction that attendance will be mandatory and failure to attend will incur the usual penalties, unless your child has specific health needs and are required to continue shielding.

We thank you for your continued support throughout these unusual and difficult times. We are incredibly proud of the resilience and determination shown by our children. We cannot wait to welcome them back into school and to support them educationally, socially and emotionally.

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Contact Details

If your contact details change over the summer holidays please inform us by emailing the school office so that you continue to receive any and all information you need with regards to arrangements for the Autumn Term. Our email address is office@stsimonandstjude.leics.sch.uk

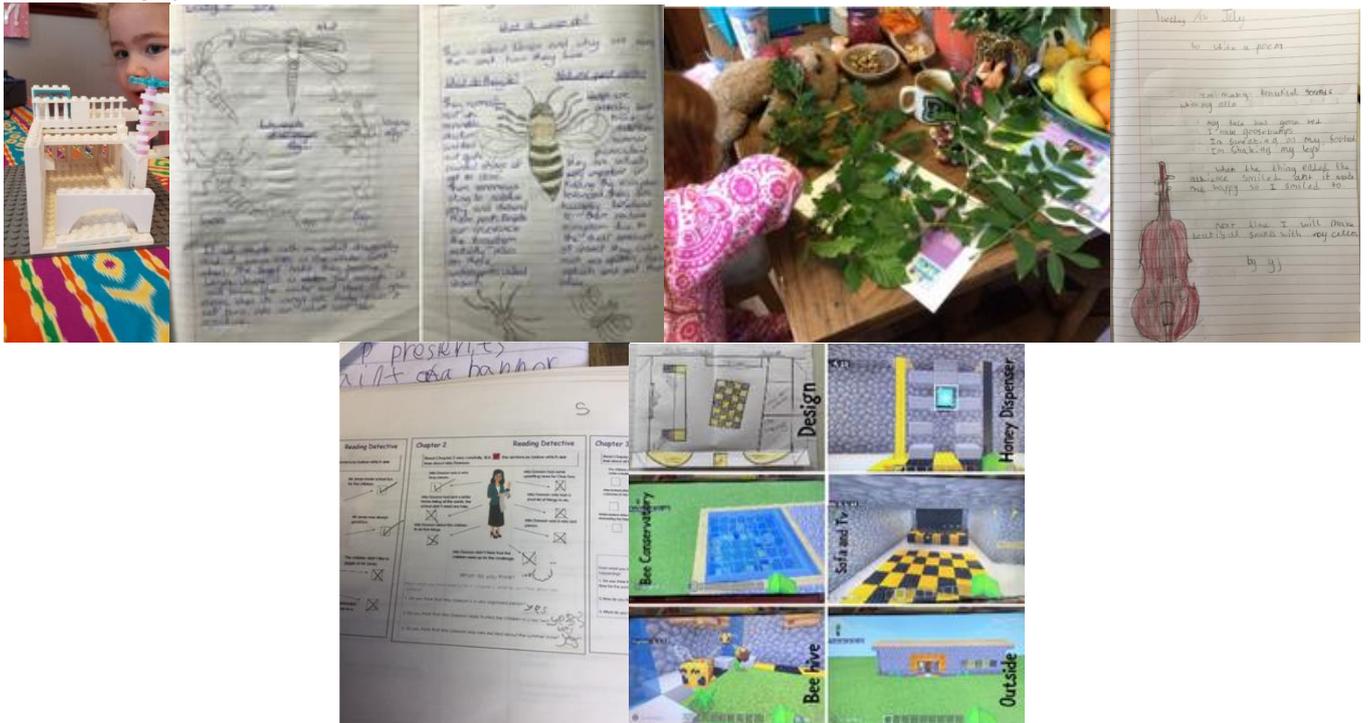
In School News

This week school has been open to children from EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. They have been doing lots of fun activities whilst following the guidance on social distancing. They have followed all the rules, routines and procedures and have shown such a sensible and responsible attitude towards all of the challenges which were in place for them – all with a smile on their faces. We are all proud of you.



Home Learning News

Thank you to everyone who has sent us pictures of their home learning this week. You have all shown us what determined and conscientious pupils you are. You have demonstrated incredible resilience and flexibility. The work you have produced has been wonderful. We thoroughly enjoy looking at our Twitter feed each day and seeing all the fantastic things you have done.



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School Meals

We have been advised by Leicestershire County Council that all paid for school meals will increase to **£2.30** each from the Autumn Term.



Summer Reading Challenge 2020: Leicestershire Libraries are Going Digital!

Leicestershire Libraries are delivering the all-new Digital Only Summer Reading Challenge from The Reading Agency this summer so that they can reach as many children and families as possible. You can sign up your child at silysquad.org.uk



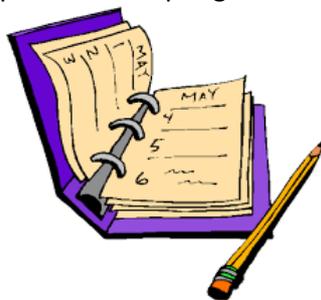
Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council Summer Activities

Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council have put together a summer activities brochure which you may find useful. To view this brochure please follow this link: <https://primarysite-prod-sorted.s3.amazonaws.com/weavers-close/UploadedDocument/23a320b04dfd4dc385d6bd0bcdd43d7d/summer-activities-2020.pdf>

Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council

Dates for your diary

Friday 10th July – School Closes for the summer holidays
Wednesday 26th August 8.45am – School Opens for the Autumn Term – Arrangements to be confirmed
Monday 31st August – School closed for August Bank Holiday
Friday 16th October 3.15pm - School Closes for Autumn Half Term
Monday 26th October 8.45am – School Opens for the second half of the Autumn Term
Friday 18th December 3.15pm – School Closes for the Christmas Holidays
Tuesday 5th January 2021 8.45am – School Opens for the Spring Term



Twitter

For lots of information about what is happening please follow us on twitter @highamDLAT.



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Internet Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers & trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one topic of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints & tips for adults.

Smart devices promise to make our lives easier. And in many cases - they do. But these new technologies present risks too. Whether you're using a digital assistant to record your shopping list or you're controlling your lights through a smart system, many smart functions can be 'hacked' and controlled by someone outside your home. This guide will help you identify some of the ways you can stay alert and protect yourself.

1 KNOW THE RISKS

The success of any smart device relies on it communicating with other devices using the Internet. It's an unavoidable part of using smart devices, but it does expose you to numerous risks. Attackers could use the Internet connection to steal your data for identity fraud or to make unauthorised purchases through your devices. There is even potential for more sinister exploitation, such as child grooming or cyber-bullying.

2 WHAT IS THE INTERNET OF THINGS?

This is the term given to all the devices connected to the Internet in your home. It includes a new digital doorbell connected to your smartphone, your kettle that boils when you tell it to on your tablet or your heating that comes on when you swipe on your smart watch. The Internet of Things (IoT) is designed to make life easier, but it also opens up your home network to potential cyber-attacks. It doesn't mean you can't enjoy the benefits, but it does mean being aware of the potential negatives.

3 CHECK ENCRYPTION SETTINGS

Whenever data is sent over the Internet, it is 'encrypted'. This makes it harder to read if it's intercepted. You should look to use a strong encryption setting, such as WPA2, rather than WPA or WEP. Again, you can check your router manual for how to do this.

4 SECURE YOUR DEVICES

If you do use apps on your smartphone to control devices in your home, make sure your smartphone is secure. At the very least make sure the pin function is enabled, as well as any biometric authentication you have. Where possible, it's also a good idea to download some anti-virus software for your smartphone.

5 KEEP YOUR SOFTWARE UP TO DATE

Manufacturers constantly update and improve software used in smart devices. Some will automatically alert you to an update, but not all do. To be on the safe side, it's a good idea to set reminders in your calendar. Check the manufacturer's website for any updates and run them if necessary.

6 RENAME THE 'GATEWAY' TO YOUR HOME

Your Internet router is the virtual gateway to your home network. It needs protecting. To do this, you should change the default name (the SSID) and password. You can usually find steps to do this in the instruction manual. Don't use your family name. Choose something more obscure. Make the password complicated too, using upper and lower-case letters, numbers and symbols. Do this for your router and any other smart devices connected to the Internet.

14 Top Tips To Get Smart About The DEVICES In Your Home



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7 USE A SEPARATE NETWORK FOR GUESTS

If your router has a feature that allows you to set up a separate network for guests, you should use it. That way, when guests use your Wi-Fi they won't have access to your devices.

10 TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If you ever feel something is wrong or your network is being exploited, visit the manufacturer's website or ring their technical support department. It's better to be safe than sorry.

11 UPDATE SOFTWARE

Manufacturers constantly update and improve software used in smart devices. Some will automatically alert you to an update, but not all do. To be on the safe side, it's a good idea to set reminders in your calendar. Check the manufacturer's website for any updates and run them if necessary.

8 SAY GOODBYE TO SIRI AND ALEXA

It's a good idea to change the activation words on your smart devices so they are unique to you and your family. This makes it that much harder for people to break into your smart devices.

9 DEACTIVATE ANY UNNECESSARY FEATURES

Though it's a fun idea, you probably don't need to control your kettle from outside the house. In fact there are often many unnecessary features included on smart devices. Where possible, you should look to disable these. Doing so reduces the ability for people to hack your devices. And, when someone sees you're actively taken steps to increase security, they're less inclined to try to compromise them.

12 BUILD A WALL

You could also purchase a dedicated 'firewall' device. This is something that plugs into your network and stops cyber threats reaching your router. Some routers do have a firewall element included, but they are no replacement for the real thing. A firewall device thoroughly analyses information coming into and out of your network and helps stop malicious attacks. A security device is strongly recommended to anyone who works from home or deals with sensitive information.

13 SECURE YOUR SMARTPHONE

If you do use apps on your smartphone to control devices in your home, make sure your smartphone is secure. At the very least makes sure the pin function is enabled, as well as any biometric authentication you have. Where possible, it's also a good idea to download some anti-virus software for your smartphone too.

14 REGULARLY AUDIT YOUR DEVICES AND CONSOLES

Every now and then you should check through all of your smart devices (including games consoles connected to the Internet). Turn them off at the mains and disconnect them from the Internet. In fact, it's good practice to disconnect any devices that aren't in use. It's a small thing but really does help. Even when you think a device might be in sleep mode, if it's connected to the Internet it could still be listening or streaming data.

Meet our expert

Emma Davis was a secondary school Computer Science teacher for more than decade. Since leaving education, she has been working in a cyber security firm delivering cyber awareness training to businesses and carrying out network testing. She is a mother of a five-year-old, she's had vast experience of controlling and managing how children access online services and use apps.



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Letter from NHS Hospitals Leicester

06 July 2020

To all the school staff, children and their families,

On behalf of everyone working in our hospitals, I would like to offer a heartfelt thank you for the support you, your colleagues, pupils and their families have shown us.

We have been overwhelmed by the colourful pictures, cards, letters and claps! It has given us the strength to work through some very challenging times. Thank you for taking the time to think of us, it means the world.

We recognise how difficult the last few months have been for everyone. As teachers, the way you have had to adapt to help support children both in and out of school settings must have been incredibly challenging. Well done for your perseverance!

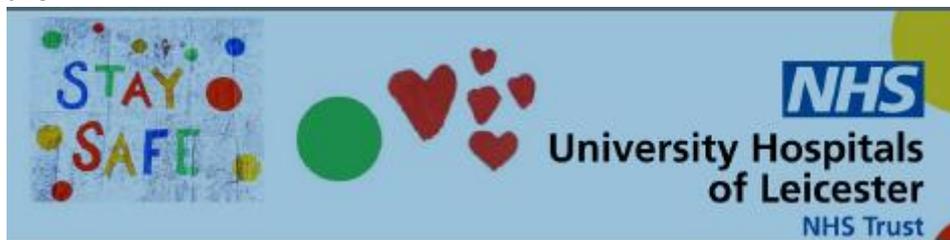
For the children, I'm sure you're missing playtimes and friends; I want you to know that we think you are the superheroes of this Coronavirus story because of how well you have dealt with all the changes you've had to go through at home and at school. At the hospital we say 'not all heroes wear capes' and that's because people like you don't need a cape to do really great things that make the world a better place to be.

And to the parents and carers, you have been looking after your child through an incredibly unsettling time, a time where you will have had your own fears and pressures too. If you are a keyworker parent or carer you may not have experienced this rare period of extended family time. If you've been at home, you'll have been juggling home-school with all of life's other responsibilities. Each has challenges but you have all risen to them and I'm sure your children look up to you in admiration for everything you are doing. As do I.

I hope you all know you've done all you could. Moreover, I want you to know the sacrifices you continue to make have enabled us to provide care to hundreds of people when they needed it most. Make no mistake, you have saved lives.

Holding the memory of the lives lost, we know there is much work still to do. But as a community I am confident we will come through this challenging time together, and emerge stronger for it. If you need us, we're still here for you, just as you have been there for us.

Warmest wishes,
Rebecca
Rebecca Brown
Acting Chief Executive



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