



Avonmouth CE Primary School Newsletter 7



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Dear Parents/Carers.

I hope that you are all keeping well and are managing to settle into the new lockdown routine.

All the staff have been working really hard to produce more content for the Google Classroom and it has been lovely to see some of you beginning to use this for your learning. If you haven't already had a chance to join your classroom please take a look as there are videos to help you with your learning. From next week will be 'going live.' From Monday morning you will be able to join a live Google Meet and children will be able to see their friends and teachers.

Yesterday we sent home a form for you to complete to say that you understand the guidelines that we have put in place to keep everybody safe online. Please be aware that any pictures that you share in the stream can be viewed by anyone in your child's class. If you would like to share privately with the teacher then you can upload the picture to the 'assignments' section and the teacher will be able to respond to you directly. For guidance using Google Classroom.

http://www.greenleasprimaryschool.co.uk/serve_file/807547

Attached to this letter is a guide for finding the link to the live sessions and the times that your child needs to be online.

Packs of work will be available Monday for collection; you will have received a time to come and collect these.

Helpful Websites for Home Learning:

Many companies are offering free access to their resources for home learning. Here are some links that we have found useful:

English:

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zt3rkqt>

RWI Phonics https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCIq9GdxtQ

Maths:

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/>

Free maths books from amazon https://www.amazon.co.uk/s?k=free+maths+books&i=specialty-aps&srs=17637547031&ref=nb_sb_noss_2

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z826n39>

Getting Active

<https://app.gonoodle.com/login>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers>

Videos

We hope that you have been enjoying the videos so far. Please try to comment on them so that we know that you have seen them. Videos will include lessons, story time and Collective Worship so keep checking each day for new content.

Data

Just a reminder that many phone operators are offering to extend data for free. Vodafone have now joined the scheme. If you would like us to apply for you to have additional data, please let us know.

Value for the Term

Endurance. This time of lockdown may feel like a trial for many of us. Please remember that you are not alone and we are here to support you in any way we can. ***'Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him' James 1:2-4***

Critical Workers

Thank you so much for responding to our questions about the critical work that you are doing. We would like to remind you that we are offering a flexible approach to provision in the school and providing care when you need it rather than on a full time basis. The government advice is: 'parents and carers should keep their children at home if they can.'

Free School Meals

You may have seen a lot about Free School Meal packages this week in the press. I would like to assure you that the boxes were full and had a range of food in them. During lockdown you may find that you are now entitled to apply for Free School Meals. Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support
- income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

Please follow this link to see if you are eligible for Free School Meals. <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

And Finally

We hope the next week runs as smoothly as it can in our new way of teaching. Please bear in mind that this is a new way of teaching and learning for everyone and there will be things that we are learning along the way. Stay safe and we look forward to seeing you in our live sessions next week.

Mrs Peach