



MEADOWS FIRST SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Mrs Hewitt's message

I have enjoyed welcoming children of our critical workers into school this week. I am very appreciative that these parents only sent in their children when it was absolutely necessary, as I also have to consider the health of our staff. I wish our front-line health workers the very best in their work at this time and thank them for their dedication. We are missing having the children in school; it seems a quiet, empty building. I hope that they are enjoying the tasks set; these will be updated each Friday on their class pages. We are closed over the Easter break but will be sending out a request for placement for critical workers starting after Easter, in case we are still closed for the majority of children. Below is a poem I saw which sums up how we feel in school! I hope that you and your families stay safe and well.

A Teacher's World

Times – they are now changing,
We've been asked to stay indoors,
And although it's safer for our health,
It means we're not in school any more.

So, your teachers wish to tell you,
They've missed you every day,
Their days just haven't been the same,
Since you all went away.

We miss your smiling faces,
Each morning in our class,
We miss your many questions,
We miss your jokes and laughs!

We hope our school
can soon go back,
To just how it used to be,
But until we safely return,
There's one thing you can do for me.

Please try your best in every way,
With the reading and tasks you do,
Dedicate time to your e-learning,
Choose a challenge, choose a few!

We know that you'll be wonderful,
In trying all the work we've set,
You've made us so proud everyday,
So don't give up just yet!

And we hope and hope
and hope some more,
To see you very soon,
A teacher's world is just too empty,
Without our pupils in the room.

Hello Ducklings. It's been lovely to see so many of you playing and learning at home this week. Thank you for all of your Tapestry contributions. I will continue to add story times and activities each day. I hope you are all keeping safe and well and remember to wash those hands!

Hello Cygnets and Goslings,
We hope that you are all well and that you have managed to see some of the sunshine this week. Has anyone managed to spot rainbows or make rainbows to put into their windows? We have been looking at Tapestry every day and are looking forward to seeing what you have been doing. We hope that we will see you sometime soon.
Mrs Thomas, Mrs Tromans and all the Reception team.

Hello Year 1, We are really missing your happy smiles and hope you are working hard on your home learning. We wish we could have seen you performing your song about animals. Why don't you listen to 'Carnival of the Animals' by Saint-Saens and explore dancing like the animals featured in time to the music? Love Mrs Tricklebank and Mrs Webb and the year one team.

Hi Owls and Hedgehogs, we are really missing your smiling faces and chatter. Wow! What a lot of you have been going onto Purple Mash. That's brilliant! We hope you have enjoyed the sunshine this week and have managed to get outside to look for signs of spring in your garden or when you are out on a walk. Keep working hard for your grown ups. Hope to see you soon but we are thinking of you all. From Mrs Ness, Mr Squires and the year 2 team.

Hi Sharks & Dolphins, thank you so much for all the hard work you are doing at home. Well done for checking our year group's page on the website, keep checking for more activities and how to access more fun things. We have really enjoyed seeing all of the work you have been doing on Purple Mash. Even if we can't speak face to face, there are ways we can stay in touch, you can create a blog post on your class's home learning blog, leaving comments and ask questions. This can be found in the 'sharing' zone on Purple Mash. It's a safe place to share what you have been doing. You can also send your teacher an email using 2email in Purple Mash. Keep each other safe and be kind to one another. We miss you all, love from Mrs Andrews, Mr Brooke, Mrs Glover, Mrs Walters, Mrs Rose, Mrs Easden & Mrs Roberts

Hi Year 4,
We are all missing you very much and we hope you and your family are all fit and well. We hope you are enjoying all of the tasks that we have set for you. How is your monster coming along? Hopefully it doesn't look too much like Mr Tunncliffe! Keep up the good work and keep trying your best. We can't wait to see you all very soon. Mr Tunncliffe, Mrs Date and Mrs Dodman and team

FREE online digital music lessons for Severn Arts pupils
Severn Arts is offering FREE individual online digital music lessons to all our instrumental and vocal pupils whilst schools are closed. The online digital teaching will be delivered by Severn Arts teachers who are enhanced DBS checked and have received regular safeguarding training. Parents/carers will also receive guidance on the appropriate use of technology for teaching.

If you are the parent/carer of a Severn Arts pupil and would like to apply for online digital music lessons, please visit
<https://www.severnarts.org.uk/featured-schools/online-lessons/>
You will need a device (laptop/tablet/phone) and Wi-Fi at home to receive a lesson. Severn Arts teachers will arrange everything with you.

DFE SCAM EMAIL

The DFE has been informed that some parents have received the following email: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported' This is a scam email - it is not from a local authority. Please **do not respond to it ; delete it immediately.**