



Headteacher's Update

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and keeping safe and found some time to enjoy the Easter holidays. The sunshine certainly made a difference and hopefully meant that you were able to enjoy being outside for your daily exercise.

We are now starting the fifth week of our school being closed and we are all missing you. The staff have made a video message on our school website to say hello! Please take a look. We hope that you enjoy it!

At this time schools have not been informed of any timescales as to how long we will be closed for. Please be mindful of the information that is being broadcast on the news, within newspapers and on-line as it is not always based on Government decisions or fact. I will update the school community as soon as I have any factual information which has come directly from the Department of Education about schools re-opening.

This aside, I am sure that you have all now settled into a routine that works for you and your family and are finding a balance between home learning and life. The teaching staff and myself have all enjoyed having the opportunity to speak to yourselves and your children over the telephone over the past few weeks, especially hearing all of the exciting things that you have been up to. Class teachers will continue to call once a week, to check in, as well as offer any advice or support in relation to home-learning.

Emergency Childcare

Our emergency childcare remains open for our essential key workers and vulnerable children. A request form can be found under the 'Home Learning' section on the school website if you are eligible for this. Please e-mail the school at enquiry@oldbrookschool.co.uk so that we can make arrangements for your child to attend.

Free School Meals

If your child is entitled to Free School Meals you will have already been notified.

If your family does not qualify for Free School Meals but are in need of support as you are unable to afford food provisions or need financial support then please use the following link for further information:

<https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/benefits-council-tax/coronavirus-financial-help-for-individuals>

Home Learning

Before school closed your child was given a home learning pack in their book bag. I hope that you found it useful and have managed to complete all of the activities within it. Teachers have been regularly checking tasks on Purple Mash to see how the children are doing so thank you to all children who have continued to access this.

From today home learning can be accessed through our school website under the home learning tab.



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Home Learning cont.

Please click on the year group that your child is currently in to find the weekly home learning. Home learning will also be added to Tapestry for children in Nursery and Reception. Teachers look forward to parents and carers also uploading photographs and comments of home learning onto Tapestry too!

Each week the home learning will be based around a theme to support your child link their learning. There is a range of activities covering different subject areas all contained in one document with weblinks to the appropriate materials. The theme for Early Years (Nursery and Reception) is 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' and for Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and Year 2) is 'My Family'. At the end of each document you will also see a series of daily lessons/activities linked to the BBC Bitesize platform and other resources. These can be completed each day to help support a learning routine at home. Activities will also be available on Purple Mash.

Please do not worry about trying to maintain a full routine for your child like they had at school. They will feel more comfortable and learn better though with a predictable routine to the day so try to structure each day in the same way. Try to make sure that they:

- get up and go to bed at the same time each day
- have regular meal times
- have regular breaks
- make time to be active - children are used to regular play at lunch and break times

The best way to help your child learn is to:

- sit with them as they work
- do active and practical things, rather than trying to make them sit and listen for long periods
- try to break down the work into shorter periods, based on how long they can concentrate
- take frequent breaks
- praise or reward them when they do well
- build in no-screen time and lots of opportunities for play as well as daily exercise.

As your child will be accessing more learning over the internet please use the following films and activities to support your child's understanding of internet safety at home:

Jessie & Friends cartoons www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/jessie-and-friends-videos

If you do not have access to the internet at home or do not have a tablet or computer then please e-mail enquiry@oldbrooks.school.co.uk

We hope that your child enjoys completing the home learning this week and we look forward to seeing and hearing all about what you have been doing.

Sharing Home Learning

A new e-mail address has been setup to enable parents to send us photographs of some of the amazing things that your child has been learning about and doing at home. We would like to publish some of them on a weekly learning update on the school website however we need your permission to be able to do this. When you e-mail a photograph please include your child's name and class, and add in the email that you are happy for the image, together with your child's first name and class to be used on the school website. Please e-mail photographs to community@oldbrooks.school.co.uk

Please think about safeguarding your child when sending images, ensuring that they are fully clothed, and also asking their permission too if they want it published on the school website. The images will be published for one week and then removed and deleted when the following week's images will be posted.

Consent can be withdrawn by e-mail if you change your mind about the image at a later date. It will also be a really good opportunity for the children to virtually see their classmates whilst we are all in lockdown. Myself and the team are really looking forward to seeing all the super learning going on at home.



Message from the Children

Over the coming week we will be making a video to say thank you to all of the keyworkers who are working tirelessly during these difficult times. We would like the children of Oldbrook to contribute to this by creating a rainbow or picture which they can be photographed holding or standing next to which can form part of the video message. It will be in the same style as our staff one created this week.

If your child would like make a rainbow picture and be part of the video then please send their photograph to community@oldbrookschoo.co.uk Please add in the email that you are happy for the image to be used on the school website. The video will be published online until the end of the academic year. Be as creative as you like!

Finally if you need to speak to a member of staff, need any more information about home learning or have any questions then please e-mail enquiry@oldbrookschoo.co.uk and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible. Please ensure that you and your families continue to keep safe and work together to support each other during these challenging times.

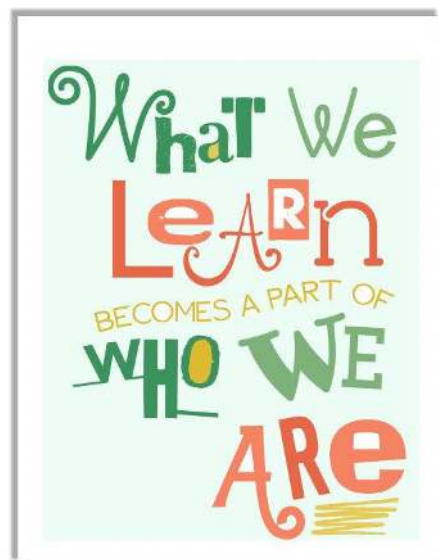
Take care, be safe and stay home!

Best wishes,

K. Hopkins

Mr Hopkins

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to learn
-SOMETHING-
New



it takes a
big heart
to teach
little minds.