



Friday 12 February 2021

Headteacher Update #3

Dear Families,

Well, we have all made it!

After the introduction of another national lockdown and a return to remote learning, we have navigated our way to the end of term. I would like to express, on behalf of the whole of Team CCH, **our sincere thanks to each and every one** of our children and their families for the support, perseverance and commitment you have demonstrated over the last six weeks. We know that each of you will have had your own successes this term; we also know that there will have been some low points- times when you felt it would be impossible to get your child to complete their learning; days when you felt that you were running out of ways to re-explain something that you thought they understood yesterday; or just moments when you felt that you would rather give up and go for a walk rather than try to find the right link for the day's Microsoft Teams meeting! **Parents and carers, we salute you!**

Through partnership and trust, our children have succeeded in adapting to a new way of learning, quickly establishing routines and becoming adept at learning online. We are so proud of their hard work and the excellent **examples of learning, resilience and bravery** that we witness on a daily basis via ClassDojo and Teams. It is no wonder that our Celebration Assemblies have been full of learners sparkling with Emerald Power! 🌍

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to **my wonderful team here at CCH**. It has been an honour to see how, with less than twenty-four hours' notice, we were able to create a new model for learning based on maintaining contact and a focus on the core skills for our children. Each and every week since the start of January, the team have reflected, adapted and taken more new ways of working on board so that we now have a remote offer that contains a blend of live and pre-recorded learning, live feedback drop-ins, tailored phonic sessions and daily times for us to celebrate, share learning and come together on screen. **Thank you to every member of staff for helping to make this work.**

As we enter the half term break, we all await further announcements from the Government over the coming days as to when schools may return to normal. Please be assured that whatever the plan, we will continue to do our utmost to ensure the best possible learning experience for our children.

I wish you a restful half term break and hope you all manage to spend some time away from screens and routines.

Experiences at CCH

Despite the many difficulties we have all faced this term, we are proud that we have been able to continue to **provide wider experiences in line with our vision for improvement**. As well as re-starting brass tuition for year 4 in the virtual world, our year sixes are now enjoying virtual ukulele lessons each week. Mr Sharda has continued to be in school to ensure that every child attending is still able to receive physical activity and we have taken part in weekly challenges and cricket enrichment. Also, this week, children in KS2 were lucky to spend an afternoon listening to Michael Morpurgo; reading is one of our key priorities and we look forward to building on this with World Book Day next term.

Remote learning updates

As you will be aware from my letter, last week, regarding the analysis of our remote learning survey, we continue to refine and adapt our provision so that it best meets the needs of our school community. Following the introduction of our live writing sessions, next term, **we will be introducing some live elements to our maths teaching**. This will hopefully better engage the children and allow the teacher to assess and provide specific feedback for learning. We have also listened to your feedback and will be adjusting the pace and structure of learning so that new content is introduced on a Monday and Wednesday, allowing time for children to consolidate and deepen their understanding during the intervening days.

We will also be introducing **'Wellbeing Wednesdays'** from next term. We understand that many of you would like some time away from screens or to have a slight change of pace during the week. Wednesday afternoons will now be focussed on physical, mental and emotional wellbeing to ensure that there is dedicated time within the week to look after ourselves. Further information will be sent at the start of next term.

Value of the term and learning gems

Our new value for next term will be **'forgiveness'**. This will be explored during our Collective Worship and assemblies as well as being a key focus of our learning about the Easter Story. Look out for our Home-School Values Challenge after half term.

Next term, we will be learning about, and focusing on, our next learning gem- **Diamond Power**. Diamond Power is all about taking responsibility to solve our own problems, constant practise to help train our brains and thinking about ways around any problems that might be thrown our way! Your teachers will be sharing more information with you via ClassDojo, next term.



Devices

Please do contact us should access to the internet or devices be an issue for your family. We still have a very small number of laptops as well as some data SIM cards from Vodafone that give 30GB of data for 90 days. If you require any support, please email the school office.



Virtual Parent Coffee Morning



We would like to offer a forum for parents to be able to talk together. This is **an informal event** which will be led by our Parent Link Worker, Mrs Nicky Donnithorne. The aim of the forum is to provide an opportunity to ask any questions, seek strategies to help with support your child's engagement with remote learning and, most importantly, a chance to

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talk to someone outside of your own household!

The sessions will take place, via Microsoft Teams, on **Tuesdays between 2.00 and 2.45pm**. There is no need to sign up in advance. A link will be sent out after half term.

Covid reporting

As in previous holidays, the Local Authority will be supporting schools with the reporting of any positive cases of Covid-19 this half term break. **If your child has been attending school this term, develops symptoms and goes on to test positive, please inform us immediately by emailing ey-schoolscovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk** . Further information is attached with this letter.

The LA will then liaise directly with me in order to identify any close contacts who may also need to self-isolate as a result. As well as using the email address above, **please also email the school office (office@christchurchanham.org.uk) to confirm any positive test results.**

The Department for Health has recently announced that Bristol and South Gloucestershire will have Covid-19 **community surge testing** due to a new variant of the virus. **This is for people who do not have coronavirus symptoms but live or work in specific postcodes.** The testing is being run for two weeks, starting Sunday 7 February and ending on Sunday 21 February.

Surge testing is for anyone aged 16 or over and who lives in one of the postcodes below:

Postcode areas for South Gloucestershire:

BS16 1; BS16 2; BS16 5; BS16 6; BS16 7; BS16 9; BS37 8

Postcode areas for Bristol:

BS1 3; BS2 0; BS2 8; BS2 9; BS3 5; BS4 4; BS5 6; BS5 7; BS6 5; BS8 2; BS8 3 (only within Bristol City Council boundary – check yours at www.gov.uk/find-local-council); BS9 4; BS5 0; BS6 6; BS14 0 (only within Bristol City Council boundary – check yours at www.gov.uk/find-local-council); BS14 9; BS16 1; BS16 2; BS16 3; BS16 5

More information can be found here: <https://beta.southglos.gov.uk/community-surge-testing/>

A useful book

Attached with this letter is an e-book which you may find useful to share with your children all about coronavirus and illustrated by Axel Scheffler (of Julia Donaldson fame!).

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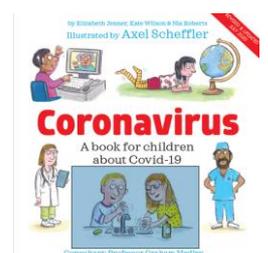
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Covid-19: Who do I contact...
if my child tests positive in the February half-term and is currently regularly attending school or preschool?

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Date	Who to inform	What information to provide
Saturday 13 February to Tuesday 16 February	If your child tests positive during this time it will impact on your child's bubble / class and we will need to alert those affected. Please email us on ey-schoolscovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk REMEMBER: Your whole household needs to self-isolate for 10 days from the start of symptoms/booking a test.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">The name of the school / settingThe year group and class your child is inWhen your child's symptoms startedWhen they were testedWhen they were last in school / setting We will reply to your email with any additional advice. We will contact the school / setting if necessary to let them know, and advise on any actions they will need to take.
Wednesday 17 February to Sunday 21 February	Your household should continue to isolate as instructed and inform your child's school or setting in the normal way. If your child tests positive during this time their bubble / class will not be affected as they would not have been in school during the infectious period. To help us monitor cases in school / the setting, it would be helpful if you can email us the details using the email address ey-schoolscovidincidents@southglos.gov.uk although you may not receive a response during this time.	

****If you are at all worried about your child's symptoms during the February half-term, please call NHS 111 and seek advice****



Half Term Ideas for Families

Outdoor Hanham Trail

Reverend Steve has devised a **local trail aimed at getting families away from the screen and out of the house this half term**. Watch this clip to find out more: <https://youtu.be/mM8kdaRw4FM>

Yippee no home schooling but many of us are still going to be juggling work and parenting so here are two small things to fill some time for your children positively.

First how about using your daily exercise to try and track down these Hanham landmarks in our seeker trail? Attached is a PDF of all the landmarks for you to tick off as you find them.

Secondly the Guardians of Ancora is a free online game, suitable for children with no in app purchases or other things that can cause us grief. Your child creates a character and explores the mystical city of Ancora via Parkour going on quests to recover the stories of the Saga (familiar Bible stories).

Hope they help a little!

God Bless, Steve (Associate Vicar of the Parishes of Hanham & Kingswood)

Winter Games

We have signed up to take part in the '**Joy of Moving Winter Games**'. Designed by the EFL Trust, and led by the Bristol Rovers Community Trust in this area, the Joy of Moving Winter Games is a national initiative aimed at **encouraging physical activity** during lockdown and the winter months. With this letter is a pack containing all the information and resources your children will need to take part in this initiative. There is a downloadable certificate available when the activity is completed and we would love you **to share pictures** of your children taking part via our school Twitter feed @CCHPri, tagging in @BristolRoversCT and using the hashtag #JOMWinterGames.

Keeping Safe at Half Term

Winter Grant Scheme

South Gloucestershire Council has asked us to make you aware of some financial assistance available during this time of year.

The Winter Grant scheme aims to help meet immediate needs and really support those families who are struggling to afford food and utility bills (heating, cooking, lighting) and water for household purposes (including drinking, washing, cooking, central heating, sewerage and sanitary purposes), or other related essentials.

The financial support could include more practical items such purchase of blankets or more expensive items such as boiler / oven repairs or perhaps even a replacement oven if the existing one is broken beyond safe use / repair.

Parents and carers contact CAB on 03444 111 444 or the Council on 0800 953 7778 Quoting Winter Grant funding.

Safeguarding

Should you have any concerns about a child's safety or wellbeing, please contact the following:

- South Gloucestershire Children's Partnership: <http://sites.southglos.gov.uk/safeguarding/children/>
- Access and Response Team: 01454 866000 (out of hours: 01454 615165)

Food

- Emergency Food Aid: <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/for-your-body/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>
- South Gloucestershire food banks: <https://oneyou.southglos.gov.uk/for-your-body/eat-well/food-poverty-support/>
- Bristol food banks: <https://www.trusselltrust.org/>
<https://eastbristol.foodbank.org.uk/get-help/how-to-get-help/>

Mental health and wellbeing

- Childline: www.childline.org.uk
- NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/>
- Young Minds- supporting your child's mental health: <https://youngminds.org.uk/find-help/for-parents/>
- Domestic Abuse Services (Refuge): <https://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,



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