

Hart Primary School

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Newsletter

Friday 12th February 2021

Message from the Headteacher

School life is always busy and, although this half term has been very different, it too has been very busy for our whole school community. Every family in our school community has their own unique circumstances and for many COVID has brought additional worries and workload. Yet despite this, parents/carers have managed to ensure that their children access nearly 100% of the live lessons – which is fantastic! Staff too have been balancing their own circumstances whilst giving 100% commitment to the education and well-being of the children of Hart.

The half term break will also be very different this year but I hope you get a chance to grasp the opportunity to move away from the screens, have a rest and recuperate for Spring Term 2.

Half Term and COVID Cases

As you may be aware, the Government instructed schools to close to all pupils over the half term. School leadership will continue to work to support Track and Trace over the half term holiday to support our school community.

We therefore ask that if your child has been in school, develops symptoms and receives a positive Covid result that you follow the guidelines below:

- 48 hours of last being in school AND they test positive**, please email the school on the info email address below.
- If a child is taken for a test without symptoms and they test positive AND they were in school 48 hours or less before they were taken for a test**, then please email the school on the info email address below
info.hart@nllt.co.uk
- If a child shows symptoms 48 hours after being in school and tests positive, or your child has no symptoms but has a test more than 48 hours after finishing school on 12th February 2021** and tests positive, please contact Test and Trace in the usual way.

If school are notified of a positive case that impacts upon anyone in school as a close contact, an email will be sent to parents to notify them. Please ensure that you check your email inbox.

The Government have given a little indication that we may be able to begin reopening from the 8th of March.

School have not received any additional information but as soon as we do, we will communicate with our families.

Vulnerable and Critical Worker Pupils

We are noticing an increase in the number of requests for critical worker places in school and, as a result, we may need to review places in line with government updates and capacity within the building. The DFE states that critical workers **should keep their children at home if they can**. It may be that places are not needed every day and **on the days that they are not needed we ask that you keep your children at home**. The booking forms MUST be completed weekly for those requiring a place.

We are extremely grateful for your positive comments and support for our remote learning offer. Thank you to those who completed our remote learning offer evaluation and for your time when speaking with us on the telephone. We know that it would be impossible to tailor provision to meet the unique needs of every family which is why we offer a broad range of learning opportunities. That said, we are committed to continuously improving and welcome your feedback on any aspect of our remote learning offer. Please email us via the info account if you have any further comments. You can find our responses and actions to the parent feedback on our website in the remote learning section.

Art

Parent and pupil feedback on our remote learning provision identified that you wanted more opportunities for Art. Due to the need for specialist equipment, we will be prioritising the teaching of Art on return to school. However, in the meantime, we will be setting weekly art activities and opportunities to share in order to develop key art self-reflection and evaluation skills. These activities will give pupils opportunity to recall and apply previously taught skills and will be launched by your child's class teacher after half term.

Reading

Research tells us that reading for pleasure improves life chances (OECD, 2009), educational outcomes (Sullivan and Brown, 2013) and has a positive impact on mental wellbeing (The Reading Agency 2015). All of our children currently have access to online reading books via 'Bug Club' and are exploring quality children's literature through our Power of Reading curriculum. However, we recognise that there is also something special about a physical reading book. With this in mind, we will be organising reading books for each child that will be available to be collected from school after half term. Please see the dates and times below for each class. If you are unable to collect a book on your assigned day or time then please contact your child's class teacher via MS Teams to arrange a mutually convenient time.

Class	Date	Time
Year 5 and 6	Tuesday 23 rd February	1:15 – 2:15
Year 3 and 4	Wednesday 24 th February	1:15 – 2:15
Year 1 and 2	Thursday 25 th February	1:15 – 2:15
EYFS	Friday 26 th February	1:15 – 2:15

Have a restful half term and, hopefully a little fun.

Mrs Hill

AWARD WINNERS

Rainbow NLLT Award
EYFS Arabelle Gravett
Year 1/2 Will Bromby
Year 3/4 Lewie Ferguson
Year 5/6 Sam Warrington

Citizenship
EYFS Daphne Bird
Year 1/2 Hattie Thompson
Year 3/4 Elise Thompson
Year 5/6 Olivia Coverdale

Golden Quill
EYFS Zach Aldeek
Year 1/2 Ethan Coverdale
Year 3/4 Amelia Turner
Year 5/6 Caitlin Bryson

Maths Award
EYFS Daisy Weatherill-Barker
Year 1/2 Luna Caster
Year 3/4 Jessica Lowther
Year 5/6 Oria Trimble