

Padnell Post



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I hope this newsletter finds you all well. As the weeks progress some of you will have found a happy rhythm to make home learning work for you and your family but others may begin to feel the challenge is becoming a little too much. Finding the balance is difficult. There are so many individual circumstances and everyone will need that little more support at different times. Sadly, this does not mean I can open up school to more children but I know that together we will continue to support each other as much as we can, at this difficult time.

In light of this it was wonderful to see one of our own parents, Mrs Whitley, share her feelings and strategies on the Waterlooville and Cowplain Community Facebook site.

Here is what she said: 'I'm only trying to school one child who is 6, but find giving him some structure and letting him know what he will be doing each day helps keep his emotions under control. If we are finding this hard – imagine how the little people are finding it! I also let him choose some fun stuff to do that he can do alone whilst I'm working – sometimes in his room, sometimes in the office with me or in the lounge. But it all goes in a little daily timetable so he knows what he's doing and when. Of course, like all little ones we have the occasional meltdown – but I pick my battles – sometimes it's easier to back down! Don't feel bad about doing that. You're only human!'

Every week we try to direct you to another resource that you may find of use to support you at this time.

This week you might like to try:

https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mind-matters/?WT.tsrc=Search&WT.mc_id=Brand&gclid=Cj0KCQiA3smABhCjARIsAKtrg6LEQLTMzgC4YKUImdLQ94URkW8Q9apkdi-YaS7Dg5113J5jwCBzINcaAt4AEALw_wcB



COVID Update

I am sure you will be aware, but just in case you have not heard...School will remain open to keyworker and vulnerable children only until at least 8th March. Our Prime Minister has confirmed that further information regarding this will be provided around 22nd February when Covid data is analysed further.



Lateral Testing

We have all participated in the first round of tests and thankfully there were no positive tests among us, unlike some other school staff in the Havant group of schools. Please can I just remind you to keep an eye on emails on Sunday and Wednesday nights in particular in case of bubble closures but of course they can 'pop' any time a member of the community has symptoms and receives a positive test.

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Road Closure

You may have seen the signs that Padnell Avenue will be closed from **8am until 4pm on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th February.**

This will obviously add a huge amount of pressure regarding parking in our community. Perhaps you could consider walking on these two days to support our neighbours.



A huge shout out to all of you supporting your children at home using our learning platforms. Please see the attached sheet from SeeSaw with amazing figures showing your engagement.

Responding to Remote/Home Learning



As staff isolation and absence is changeable every day we are having to work even more as year group teams. It feels as if as soon as we set up a specific Zoom session or routine in school it changes! This will mean that it will not always be your teacher that will respond to your child online or indeed be working with them in school.

Please know that the weekly Zoom sessions your child is booked into are an important aspect of giving your child praise for their weekly learning so that this can be like in the classroom, in person.



Whole School Story time

This week's story links to our value of 'Resilience', something all of us are having to dig deep for at this time. I am looking forward to seeing you all and will remember to mute everyone so you can all hear. (Oops!)

Meeting ID: 863 0583 8302

Password: 4m2e8a

PIPSA

There were 67 entries this week to the PIPSA Friday Night Take Away Competition. The winner of £35 to spend at Cowplain Fish Bar was Laura McTaggart.



Next week's prize is £35 to spend at Koop & Kraft. If you would like the chance to win, please send £1.00 per entry via PayPal to pipsapadnell@gmail.com. You can enter as many times as you like, we really appreciate your support.



Free School Meal Parcels

Just in case the information in the news is confusing, I confirm that HCC has provided the additional monies required for all those entitled to a food parcel and who wish to come and collect one, can. Ms Foster will email as usual with info and collection dates.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Grayson
Headteacher

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Dates

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Who</u>	<u>Details</u>
Thursday 11th February	Last Day of Term		
Friday 12th February	INSET Day	Whole School	School Closed
Monday 15th to Friday 19th February	School Closed	Half Term	
Monday 22nd February	Return to school	Keyworker's Children	
Thursday 1st April	Last day of term		
Friday 2nd to 16th April	School Closed - Easter Holidays	Whole School	School Closed
Monday 19th April	Return to school		
Friday 28th May	Last day of term		
Monday 31st May to Friday 4th June	School Closed - Whitsun Half Term	Whole School	School Closed
Monday 7th June	Return to school		
Thursday 8th and Friday 9th July	INSET Days	Whole School	School Closed
Friday 23rd July	Last day of term		
Monday 26th July to (TBC)	School Closed - Summer Holidays		

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- G**iving Citizen
- R**esilient Learner
- O**riginal thinker
- W**ise Worker