Dear Parents and Carers

Home Learning and School Updates

Hope this newsletter finds you and your family well and safe. It has been an added bonus having the nice weather, and the rainbows and wonderful positive messages I see outside Parson Street and through our community continue to bring a smile to my face. It has also been lovely reading about the amazing community work that some of you are doing to support people who might be in need during this time. Thank you.

Another piece of wonderful news is that Mrs Harris (Class 2JH) had a baby girl, Imogen Betty on 5th April. Mum and baby doing very well.

I will continue in every newsletter to thank you for your support in home learning with your child. Balancing it all with everyday routines and tasks can be a challenge – please don’t stress if your child has a day off learning or if they just do a little bit one day and more another. We will continue to post daily tasks on the Interactive Learning Diary for Nursery and Reception children, and on Class Dojo for the rest of the school, as part of our continued provision at this time. The website (Year Group Pages) has lots of links to learning that you might like to look at and get your child to engage with as well. Hopefully you have been able to log in to Bug Club and access reading texts online. We have sent home paper copies of learning to those families that have requested it or might not have IT access. Let us know if we can support in that way as well.

The Department for Education has also produced some guidance that might be helpful as well in supporting your child in home learning. https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19

Family Support

If you have any questions, would welcome some support or are struggling in any way please contact us. Our Family Support Worker, Caroline Jenkins is available for any Parents / Carers who might need support with their children’s behaviour, sleeping routines etc. at this very unusual time for us all. Her email address is caroline.jenkins@parsonstreet.com or her work Mobile number is 07375 934047 (8am – 4pm Monday to Friday).

Mr Huxley has added some additional social stories and resources to the website on our Covid-19 page: https://parson-street-primary-school.secure-primarsite.net/covid-19-support/ These cover a collection of topics including understanding Covid-19, Parson Street being closed and understanding bereavement. You might also find useful the NHS poster attached which gives guidance to parents on helping know who to contact if your child is injured or falls ill.

Families in Focus also produce a useful bulletin: Information and Services for Families, parents/carers and young people which has lots of information and activities that families can use during these difficult times. It includes helplines, mental health support links and
some parent resources you might find useful. It is quite a large document so it has been put on the school website under latest news documents

**Free School Meals**

Please contact the school office by email if you have had any difficulties with downloading or using the new FSM vouchers. There is also a guide to Frequently Asked Questions about the new vouchers on the school website.

If you are not currently in receipt of Free School Meals for your child but think you might be eligible please follow the link to Bristol City Council’s page on how you can check eligibility and apply. [https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/free-school-meals)

**Bristol Local Area WRITTEN STATEMENT OF ACTION for children and young people with special educational needs and disability aged 0-25**

The Written Statement of Action is the local authority’s response to the Ofsted/Care Quality Commission (CQC) Special Education Needs and Disabilities (SEND) inspection which took place in our local area at the end of last year. It is a transparent, formal framework for improving SEND provision which has been developed with a number of partners and incorporates the views of parents and carers.

The Written Statement of Action ensures that parents, carers, children and young people can understand the actions the authority are taking to improve the effectiveness of the local area in identifying and meeting needs, and improving outcomes for children and young people who have SEND. You can find the Statement of Action on our school website’s SEND/Inclusion section and through [https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/written-statement-of-action](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/policies-plans-strategies/written-statement-of-action)

**Statutory Assessments**

Children currently in Reception will not be assessed against the Early Learning Goals which form the EYFS Profile which has been cancelled this year.

**Finally…**

Have you seen Mr Huxley’s singing assembly and Mrs Tindall’s PE video on our YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMWPzRg6pyNuM6hxKohv4sg](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMWPzRg6pyNuM6hxKohv4sg)? There will be a new singing assembly to join in with every Monday, so do take a look. PE videos will also appear there, but if you go on the School website under Sports and Clubs you will find lots of great challenges from both Mrs Tindall and the Bristol Robins Premier League Primary Stars who worked with lots of you before we closed.

Thinking of you all. Keep Healthy, Keep Safe.

Louise Hopcroft

Head Teacher

Parson Street Primary School