

February Newsletter



*Can I thank you all, once again, for your support during this unprecedented time. The level of effort going into home learning is **phenomenal** and we appreciate that every family is doing their best in a range of different circumstances.*

The compliance with social distancing and safety measures from parents dropping pupils off and the pupil behaviour in school has been fantastic.

We will close the school to all pupils for half term on Friday 12th February and reopen for key worker pupils and vulnerable pupils on Monday 22nd. There will be no work set for any pupils during half term week.

It is not clear when we will reopen the school fully for all pupils, at the moment, but we hope for more guidance after half term and we will share it with you as soon as we have it!

March 8th appears to be the first possible date for reopening but the government needs to risk assess nearer that date. We realise this is stressful news for many families at home.

Keep talking to us - we are here to help and support you.

Mrs Bruce 😊



Home learning engagement register.

We are required to keep a register of pupil engagement with home learning so please keep in touch with class teachers via Google Classroom, Tapestry, email and telephone to enable us to complete this. Our timetables on the school website aim to comply with guidelines to provide at least 3 hours of work a day for KS1 (year 1 and 2) and 4 hours a day for KS2 (year three and four).

Keep in mind that focused one-on-one instruction at home might be quicker and more efficient than group instruction and actual teaching time will vary by student, family and ability levels; some days will be less, some may be more.

We also appreciate that all home circumstances are different and from our communications we know you are all doing your best to adapt your routines to manage home learning as well as you can. Some families may have to condense learning into certain days to fit in with work. Parents and pupils will have days where the learning is just not flowing. On these days please don't worry. It might be best to have a break and start again tomorrow!



The teachers are working their socks off to provide recorded and live lessons. Each session aims to give children at home and school direct teaching, a chance to see their friends and talk to their class, strategies to complete tasks and hopefully the motivation to continue beyond the session.

From Reception to Year Four, we have timetabled sessions.

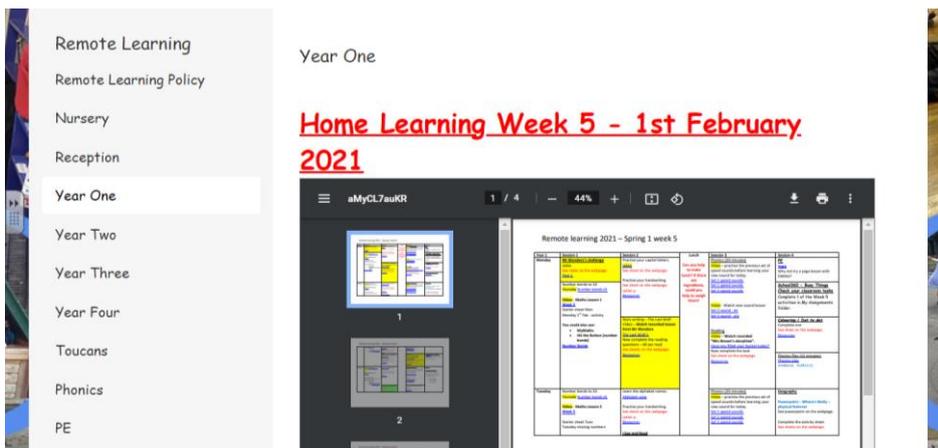
To find the days and times of these go to our school website where you will find each class timetable under the remote learning tab.

The same timetable is posted on the kids' School360 Google Classroom.

Google Meet times- go to our school website. Click on Remote Learning and your child's year group.



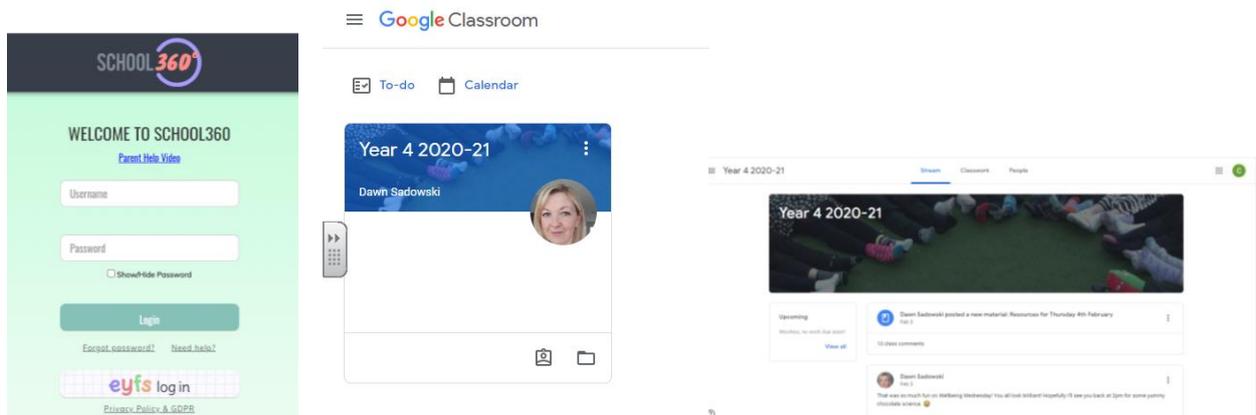
Look at the weekly timetable to find live and recorded sessions.



Google Classroom

Calling year 1,2, 3 and 4 home learners! Have you been logging onto Google Classroom? All you need to do is to log onto school360 (call school if you can't remember your login

details), click on the **Google Classroom** link and then your year group and you're in! The teachers post their weekly work timetable here and there have been some great challenges and tasks set! If you post your work in **Google Classroom** the teachers can comment and give you feedback.



Wellbeing Wednesday 10.2.2021

The children have asked if the final Wednesday of this term can be another Wellbeing Wednesday and we have said . . .YES! Come dressed in your favourite clothes to celebrate another fantastic half term.



Keep Safe on the internet

In our final week before half term we are highlighting awareness on Safer Internet Day (Tuesday 8th February) of the potential risks the internet can pose and the strategies families can use to manage these risks.

Watch out for some fake facebook, Website and Google Classroom information this week. The teachers are checking to see if you can spot fake News as we are asking can you trust everything you read, hear and see on the internet?

Spring Term 2- What's happening after Half Term?

Mrs Bruce's Assemblies for home and school are on our website every Monday.

Here we will give more information and launch the following fun:



Week One 22.2.2021

Fairtrade Fortnight- A project and bake off competition highlighting the importance of where our food comes from and the work of Fairtrade.



Week Two 1.3.2021

Book week. Lots of fun with reading including World Book Day on Thursday 4th March.



Week Three 8.3.2021

Treat someone special in the run up to Mother's Day on Sunday 14th March.



Week Four 15.3.2021

Do something funny for Red Nose Day!



Week Five 22.3.2021

Easter week - lots of Easter fun including our egg decorating competition!

Have a lovely half term,

The Amble First School Team