



Holystone
Primary School

Holystone Newsletter

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Dear Parent or carer,

I hope you managed to have as good an Easter holiday as possible in these strange times and I am really pleased so many of you enjoyed our Easter video. It has been lovely to receive the pupil videos from various year groups in response, this has put a smile on the faces of all members of staff who have all seen them and they are looking forward to seeing everyone back at school as soon as is possible.

Seesaw & Tapestry –

Seesaw

Now we are 'back to school' Staff are now using the Seesaw app to upload work for your pupils each day. You should have received your log-in details across the Easter period and this system is now live. Seesaw allows staff to communicate with children around the tasks set, however please could this tool be used only for task based pupil/staff communication. Any wider parental queries are to be sent to the enquiries@hps.org.uk email address and, if they relate to a particular year-group, the message will be passed on to the relevant member of staff.

Moving forward, Seesaw will be the App we use to set pupil work until we return to school. I hope you have found the other work we provided before Easter on the website useful. This will remain there for you to access into should you require. We hope to offer the pupils a chance to showcase some of this work when we return if they wish to.

The staff have amended their termly plans and these will be uploaded onto the curriculum pages of the website soon.

Nursery and Reception will continue to set their tasks on the Tapestry app.



The Government have launched an on-line resource called the 'Oak National Academy'. This offers a range of lessons for each year group from Reception to Year 6. The teachers are currently looking at the materials and it may be in the future that some sessions highlighted on Tapestry or Seesaw may link

to these materials. For the time being, we have added a link to the site on the front page of the website, next to the home learning tab. There is no expectation that this work is done, but it is there if you wish to explore it or try some of the resources. <https://www.thenational.academy/>

Free School Meals (FSM) –

Just a reminder that the voucher system now starts for those in receipt of benefits related Free School Meals. They should hopefully start arriving to your designated email address this week although there have been some issues with this system nationally. I know one or two have already indicated they are yet to receive their voucher and we are chasing this up, please bear with us with this, many local schools appear to be having the same issues. In the meantime, we will continue to offer a packed lunch collection service each day for Reception, Y1 & Y2 pupils in receipt of Universal FSM and these can still be accessed by benefit related FSM pupils this week.

Yours sincerely

Stephen Baines
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