

## **A message from the Headteachers:**

Welcome back everybody, well sort of! What a week it has been. I would personally like to thank all the staff who, in less than 24 hours, have been able to change and adapt all our plans, re-organise our classes and school and prepare for online learning. We also appreciate what a shock the closure of schools will have been for our children and parents. We thank you all for your patience and understanding as we have responded to changes in government advice.

We have been inundated for requests for school places for the children of critical workers – an increase of 100% on the last lockdown. Can we please remind everyone that the advice is, if you can: Stay at Home. If you can work from home and, if you can keep your children at home, please do.

We have a limited capacity and need to limit the size of bubbles, whilst also providing online learning for those children at home. Please only use the provision if it is absolutely essential. Over this next week, we will have to ask parents for evidence of their critical worker status so we can prioritise places.

**Please could you send in a scanned copy or picture to validate your keyworker status to the [office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk](mailto:office@fenstanton.cambs.sch.uk) email address.**

## **Home learning**

Our online classrooms are now up and running. It has been great to see how many children are already accessing this provision. There are lots of ways you can access google classroom including via a Playstation or Xbox. You can also use a mobile phone and can take photographs of children's work and upload it from your phone. The link can be found below.

<https://edtechawesomeness.com/2020/03/17/access-google-classroom-with-your-phone-your-xbox-or-your-playstation/>

We learned a lot from the last lockdown and hope to be able to improve and develop the online learning offer.

We are already beginning to upload some video elements from staff to help explain and model things at home and go some way towards maintaining a 'face to face' element to the children's learning. From next week all classes will receive at least 2 video elements a day which will build over time. We hope to be able to offer some live, virtual teaching in the future. Next week we will start live assemblies with Mrs Gore-Rowe – watch out for a link to

next week's live celebration assembly on Friday!

This week we are putting together a learning pack of resources for every child. When these are complete we will send you an invite to come and collect your child's.

## **Support with home learning**

We are committed to doing all we can to help with the learning at home.

Starting next week, we will be providing 1:1 home learning support sessions. To begin with, these will be prioritised to a small number of pupils but this will quickly roll out to include all children receiving some 1:1 support.

Please remember that staff are working in school and running bubbles as well as teaching remotely. Whilst we will always endeavour to respond as soon as possible, there will be times when they will not be able to respond to questions and queries straight away.

Thanks for your continued patience as we get these systems in place.

Over the coming days and weeks, we will provide you with a list of resources and links to support home learning. The BBC is beginning 3 hours of education from next week and we are looking forward to Joe Wicks starting again.

If you come across any more, please do share with us so we can share with all parents.

## Keeping everyone safe:

We have a very thorough risk assessment and are continually monitoring every aspect of the school environment, as well as social interactions within it. If your child is in school, you need to inform us of any COVID or unusual symptoms in your household (including extended household support bubbles), or if anyone is advised to take a test or is awaiting results. This is so that school staff can establish whether further protective measures are required in school to limit potential virus spread.

## Welcome & thanks

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome Miss Stone and Mrs Gentle to the teaching team at Fenstanton and Hilton. I know they are looking forward to getting to know your children virtually and face to face.

We hope to be able to see you all soon and would like to again thank you for your patience and understanding as we work towards being able to fully re-open our school as soon as it is safe to do so.

## Other Messages

'Looking for a new activity for your children during the school day over lockdown? Our resident guitar teacher, Mr Cory, may have some

available online slots for the forthcoming school term. If your child is interested in learning the guitar, please contact Mr Cory via email at [jimmyspagefans@hotmail.com](mailto:jimmyspagefans@hotmail.com). Please note that if you have already joined a waiting list, then your child will be the first to be offered lessons. Please include:- pupils name, parent/guardian name, school name, lesson duration requirements, home telephone number & mobile phone number.'

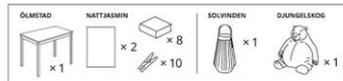
## Fun over the weekend:

Occupying the children over the weekend wasn't so much of a challenge in the summer - however this time around we will post a little bit of fun each week for you to try out if you are stuck for ideas.

Why not have fun with one or two of these?

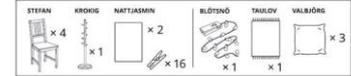
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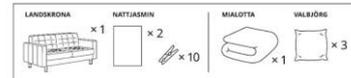
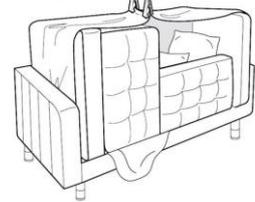
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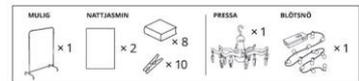
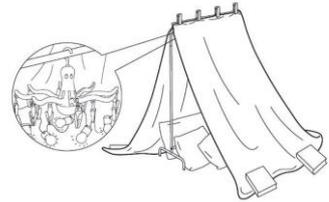
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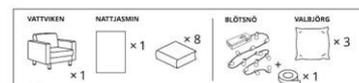
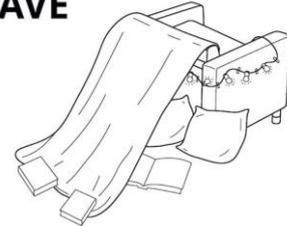
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