

West Heath Primary School



Hello Children, it occurred to me this week that our school logo is a rainbow and asks us to 'Be a Star Shine Bright.' Whilst the news tells us some of the sad stories of people losing loved ones, it is also telling us stories of the heroic and selfless acts of kindness which are all adding their little bit to finding a way to beat Covid -19. These people are 'shining brightly!' When we walk through the school gates and see our West Heath rainbow we will be reminded to give thanks to all of those people who help us every day. Our critical front line workers are doing an amazing job by trying to find a way for us all to come back to school! Clapping our hands-on Thursday evenings is a great way to say 'THANKYOU.' I am positive that you are doing this too because you have such wonderful values. It is more important than ever that we use our values and support our families, our friends and our country. Are you being a star and showing your parents all of your amazing talents? It would be lovely if you could send some pictures (to our school enquiry email) of using your values to help others.

Do what the Prime Minister (Boris Johnson) tells us to do because they are the rules! Stay inside, stay safe!!

Now, I have a challenge for you. Your teachers have written something to you about what they are doing whilst our school is closed. They each sent me a photograph to share with you too BUT I accidentally got them all mixed up. Can you match the teacher's words to their photograph? Have Fun!

Hello Class 2!

I hope you are all okay and keeping safe. I have been missing you a lot over these past few weeks but have loved seeing all of your fantastic learning on Tapestry. Thank you so much for sending me your pictures, it makes me very happy to see that you are enjoying learning at home while we cannot learn together.

Today would have been our last day together before I leave to have Baby Whitehouse. I have been getting ready to teach the Baby it's ABC's! The next time I see you all you will be so grown up in Year 1! I am so proud of you all; you are all superstars, keep shining bright!

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break!

Thinking of you all.

Love Mrs Whitehouse ☺



Hello Class 5!

I hope you are staying safe and well. I am missing you all and I look forward to seeing everyone. Keep working hard on your home learning tasks and remember to just have a go! In the meantime, try learning new things and enjoy the new experiences. Appreciate spending time with your family and the great outdoors. Keep smiling and have lots of fun! Oh... and Samson (The Chocolate Dog) says hello!

Mr Legg

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Hi everyone 🙌

Just a quick note from me to say that I hope you and your families are all well and smiling. We have had two very strange weeks of learning and I wanted to take this opportunity to thank you and your families for all your hard work! Keep working hard and shining bright!

I have had a busy two weeks. In addition to all of my teaching and planning for you lovelies, I have become a little baking crazy. I have perfected my bread recipe now and my brownies are pretty good too! I have also been enjoying the sun (only in my back garden obviously). My lawn has never been mowed so much! On Thursday, this week I celebrated my birthday. It was a very different birthday, not being able to see my family or friends but I had lots of video calls and cards and even managed to have a birthday picnic in my living room! If you have a birthday coming up, don't worry! It will be different but make the best of it and enjoy yourself!

I think about you all every day and I enjoy reading comments from your mummies and daddies about how well you are doing. You have all been amazing. I am looking forward to all of this being behind us and seeing your smiley faces again soon!

Keep safe and happy and I'll see you soon.

Mrs. Chamberlain



Hello children

I hope you are all well and keeping safe.

I have really missed being at school with you all! I have been sending lots of activities to help you with your home learning: I hope you have enjoyed them and have continued to show your West Heath values. I've been keeping myself busy too! I have joined in with Joe Wicks PE lessons every morning and I have been taking part in online dance classes with Oti Mabuse from Strictly! You all know how much I love to dance!

Well, Easter is finally here and I hope that you enjoy your break. Try to keep busy with reading, art and sport. Maybe with a family member you could have a go at a bit of baking! I am really looking forward to returning to school, when all of this is over, and seeing your happy smiling faces.

Keep safe everyone!! Mrs Johnson

Hello Class 1, it's Miss Lippett here.

I do hope that you are all okay and keeping safe and well at home! I have missed seeing your big smiley faces every day and learning new things together, but it has been great to see so many of you working hard at home. You are all doing an amazing job! Thank you to those who have shared their learning with me on Tapestry, I hope you are enjoying the activities and having lots of fun! Keep playing, dancing, singing and smiling along with washing your hands to 'Nellie the Elephant'!

I have coloured a rainbow of hope and love for you all, which I have placed in my window. See if you can make one and pop it in your window to spread and share love and thanks.

Remember I am thinking of you all every day and wishing you a very Happy Easter. My little superstars!



Hello West Heath,

Hope you are all well and are keeping safe. I am missing you all so much, it makes me smile to think about you taking part in Joe Wicks Daily P.E lessons and I know if you could see me trying to do some of the exercises, you would all be laughing too. I have been keeping a close eye on you work especially, Mathletics and Tackling Tables and I am happy to say some of you have already moved up a level, well done, keep up the hard work. It is a very different way of working for all of us. A big well done to all parents who have embraced Home School Learning, I hope you have started to have fun together.

I have been keeping myself busy over the past two weeks in my garden, especially with the chickens. Can you believe, it has been nine months since I took the chicks home from school! The large white cockerel in the picture is 'Rocky' and he was one of the tiny white chicks that hatched last year. He is brilliant, such a funny character, although I don't think my neighbours would agree at 5am in the morning! I will be spending lots of time in my garden looking after my flowers and vegetables. You should get outside and help your parents in the garden; it is great exercise and the fresh air will keep you healthy.

I think about you all of the time and love to see your comments about the fun you are having together. Keep washing those hands and in case you are bored of singing happy birthday, there is a new Baby Shark song about washing your hands-on YouTube, I can't stop singing it! Remember to complete your schoolwork, have fun with your family, be good and stay safe.

See you all soon.

Mrs Durose



Hi, Class 10! I hope you have been well and are keeping safe!

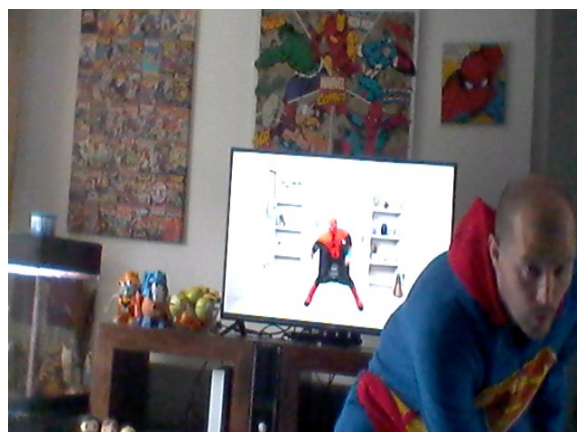
It is important to stay active and keep busy, so keep exercising, keep reading, keep practising your times tables and keep enjoying spending time with your family!

As you can see, I have been keeping busy! I have joined in with the Joe Wicks PE every day and am really enjoying it! As well as making sure you have plenty of work, I have also been running lots and am getting quite good at FIFA 20!

Remember I am thinking of you all and miss teaching you all greatly and just think as you go about your daily activities, say to yourself, "Would Mr K think this was good!"

Please take care, stay safe and I can't wait to see you all in the near future!

Mr Kendall





Over the past two weeks, I have thought endlessly about how you have all been getting on at home and how you've all been keeping busy. Keep being yourselves, do what you love, be kind and show all of your values (which I know ooze out of all of you!).

As you all know, I decided not to have chocolate until Easter and, with a lot of distractions, I am still chocolate-free! It has continued to be difficult but I have not given up. In order to keep myself busy, I have been doing lots and lots of exercise classes online, including Kelly Holmes core workouts, Joe Wicks' YouTube sessions and going for walks with my dog in the evenings (just to name a few). I have even become more crafty by creating scrapbooks of my previous travelling adventures.

In the midst of the uncertain times, find the things that you love. I am proud of all of you and I cannot wait to see your smiles and the learning you have been doing.

Be yourselves, keep smiling and stay safe.
See you all soon, Miss Coltman

Hello Class 3

I hope you are staying safe and keeping well!

I can't believe it has only been a couple of weeks since we were last at school together. I really am missing all of your smiley faces every day and can't wait to be back in class with you all and have our first 'Show and Tell' session. I think we might need to have to have a whole day, with all of the amazing things you are doing and creating at home.

I can see from your parent's comments that you are showing so many of our school value words and making your parents and me so proud; keep it up. Don't forget to say thank you to your moms and dads for all of their hard work, they've been amazing too!

I know I've kept you really busy with your home learning. I've been busy too., as well as setting your home learning tasks, I decided to make some time for the things that I love, but don't often get to do.

I love to bake and I'm becoming quite good at it. I've even been making cakes for my family and friends who can't go out at the moment, to help cheer them up. I'll bake some for our first day back when we have a party!!! 😊 So, Class 3 and all of West Heath Primary School, remember that not all learning is English, Maths or phonics and it doesn't all come from a book!

Over the holidays I challenge you to make a list of things that you love and make time to do them; we've all got lots of time!!!

Stay safe, stay healthy and have a fantastic Easter!

Miss Andrews

Hello Everyone

I was really happy to see some of you in school this week, but am really missing the rest of your smiling faces. I hope all those I worked with on Wednesday enjoyed their day, especially putting their 'treasure maps' together. Perhaps whilst you are all at home you could design your own Treasure Island and use it to write some clues to a treasure? Maybe even use it to hide some eggs for your very own family Easter egg hunt?

When I haven't been in school, I have been very busy with other school work, but also taking my dog for a few walks too. I don't live too far from a park, so it has been nice to take her to visit the ducks and swans on the pond. She is getting quite old now, so doesn't try to chase them like she did when she was younger. 🐥

I hope you are all keeping safe and well and that you are looking forward to Easter. I have made an Easter rabbit whilst I have been at home, which will have a new home with my daughter quite soon.

Have a happy Easter 🐣 Miss Outhwaite



I hope that you're staying safe and enjoying your home learning. I've loved hearing all about the amazing work you've been doing and I'm so proud of you all! I know it can be hard to keep busy sometimes, but the best way to stay healthy is to get your creativity flowing: cooking, playing games with your family or maybe have a go at painting a picture; it's a great way to have fun.

No matter what you choose to do, remember that the most important thing is to keep smiling. I miss you all very much and I'm looking forward to seeing you soon.

Have a lovely Easter break!

Miss King

Hello Class 12,

I hope you are all enjoying the home learning I have been setting. It is fantastic to see how many of you are completing it. Keep working hard, showing your value of excellence. I hope you are all keeping safe and enjoying your time at home with your families, making many memories. I have been getting ready for the arrival of our new baby, making sure the bookcase is full so that Baby will be a bookworm like all of you!

I hope you have a great Easter eating chocolate, but not *too* much!

I hope to see you all soon.

Mr Whitehouse



Hi everyone,

Well done to you all (parents and children) on making it to the end of the most uncertain, and unusual term we have ever faced! I hope you have all been enjoying the Home Learning you've been set, but also had time to do some of the other things that you love doing (while keeping safe of course).

When I've not been busy setting your Home Learning, I've been trying to make the most of the sunshine in my back garden. Class 14 will be pleased to know I've started reading Hacker (thank you for the recommendations!). I can't wait to get back into school, so we can share all the books we've been reading to help us pass the time. I've also been working on my baking skills; so far, I've made banana bread, apple crumble and Smartie cookies! I've had to join Joe Wicks every morning to burn off the extra calories!

I think about you all every day and hope that you and your loved ones are keeping safe, happy and healthy. I really look forward to the day we are all reunited in school. In the meantime, we have to keep our chins up, keep smiling and do our bit to help in the fight against this virus. Have a wonderful Easter break and I look forward to speaking to you again soon.

Mrs Flora ☺

To the amazing children of West Heath Primary School,

The Coaches have asked me to say 'Hi', they are missing watching you play sport with your friends at lunch time and trying to develop your skills in our lessons. It is important that we stay active even though we are not in school, remember healthy bodies create healthy minds! I have created a YouTube channel which includes lots of lessons for you take part in; they will help you to continue to develop your Head, Hearts and Hands. I would love to see some pictures of you taking part in active learning. Please send some to me through the school email, enquiry@westheathprimary.bham.sch.uk. I will share them with the coaches.

In difficult times, there are always positives; remember challenges help us to learn and grow! I have learnt that there is always a job that needs doing in my house, I am doing a lot of DIY to keep me busy. Most importantly, I have been reminded of the importance of having quality time with my family. I love being able to spend more time with my children and watching them play, learn and grow. We still do Maths, English (Reading in particular) and PE every morning, but we also find time to play, be creative and have fun. Baking cakes, drawing pictures and movie nights are awesome!

Enjoy Easter and remember to Stay Safe & Stay Active

Mr Hooper (Coach Adam)



To All the Amazing Children of West Heath,
I hope you all staying safe at home. I have spoken to lots of you this week and it was lovely to hear your stories about what you have been doing at home. So many of you have been baking cakes, gardening and doing art and craft projects, so you are certainly keeping busy. I've been keeping my spirits up by singing, you all know I love a song! I thought the lyrics of this one (our current favourite in singing assembly!) might make you smile...

"We're proud of our school, it's where we belong. We're proud of the name, so we wrote this song, and this is the song, the song that we sing, as we are all part of this wonderful thing."

Remember even though we aren't in school, you are all still part of West Heath. I can't wait to hear you all sing the whole song when we get back!

Mrs Foster



Hello Class 11,

I hope you are all well and keeping safe. It has been lovely to see so many of you still working hard at home and I hope you have been going out safely and enjoying the sunshine we've had. At home, I've been looking after my little girl as her nursery also closed and we have been decorating her 'big girl room'. We've done lots of baking, play dough, playing outside with her sand table and slide, water play and making rainbows for our front windows. We have a dog called Roo so we have been taking him for lovely walks up on the canal.

I have been missing seeing all your faces every day making me smile and laugh and seeing you learning and playing! Please keep yourself safe and healthy. I hope you all have a lovely Easter.

Mrs Savage

Hi Class 4!

I am so proud of how hard both you and your parents are working together on your home learning. Each evening, I really enjoy finding out how you are getting on with your tasks and about all of the other fantastic things that you have been doing. You have been so busy making rainbows for your windows, being creative and keeping active. I know it's not exactly the same as learning at school, but keep showing those values and trying your best. I've been doing some school work too, as well as colouring, baking, running and doing jigsaws ☺ It's safer for you to be at home at the moment, but I look forward to seeing you back in school when everything is okay again.

Be the best you can be, take care and stay safe. Mrs Clews

Dear children,

We have all been thinking of you lots over the last couple weeks. We hope all of you are well and enjoying the time you are spending with your families. I've been enjoying spending time with my own family, we've been keeping fit together and also playing lots of games. My 3-year-old daughter is keeping me especially busy, she spends a great deal of her time pretending she is a dragon and chasing me round my house!

I know this is a strange time for us all but we will all come through it and be back at school before we know it. I really looking forward to seeing you all soon and I know all of the other staff feel the same. Have a great Easter,

Take Care, Mr Grindrod and family



I have had a very busy couple of weeks! It feels as though we have been away from school for a very long time. In my bag, I have some wool and some knitting needles to keep me busy but I haven't taken them out yet! You are all much safer at home right now but I have been working on a plan for when we get back to school and the exciting opportunities we can explore together. The grown-ups in school have been keeping me very busy with their fabulous ideas!

As you know, I do love to clean; my house is gleaming! For my daily exercise, I have spent lots of time walking to make sure that my mum is ok, she has lots of chocolate cake so she is very happy! I walked 6 miles yesterday to make sure that my husband's mum was well in her care home, it was lovely to see her smiling as she waved at us through the window. My youngest son and his wife have had the Covid - 19 virus but they have made a full recovery; I walked to their house to put supplies on their door step. Virtual hugs are now my specialism, I practice every time I walk to see my sons, their wives and my grandchildren. I miss being able to give them a real hug but I am optimistic that the scientists will find a cure for the Coronavirus soon.

On APRIL FOOL'S DAY, I had afternoon tea with our Monarch, Queen Elizabeth. I told her how amazing you all are at completing your work. We made sure that we washed our hands and kept a safe distance. She told me to ask you to **STAY SAFE** and **STAY INDOORS** so that our country can all work together to beat the virus!

Use your values, and take some time to sit still in reflection whilst thinking about all of the critical care workers working on the frontline to help us. When you are eating your Easter eggs, make sure you remember that, at this time, we are all making sacrifices but with a lot of love we will rise above what is going on and come back together soon.

Remember too that you are all unique, and special. I can't wait to see you all again! Be happy, stay safe...Mrs Hooper x