

## **A Word from Mrs Blake, Headteacher**

To all our lovely families – what a strange start to the year! Staff were geared up to welcome the children back on Tuesday and we were all disappointed to not be able to do this. In the short notice we have had, staff have worked tirelessly to produce online learning for every child in the school plus work packs for the children from Y1 – Y6. We are still open and accepting children from key worker families plus the children from families who may be at risk of not completing their learning at home due to SEND needs and other circumstances. We currently have nearly 30 children attending from YN – Y6 and we are providing a safe learning environment for them to complete their lessons here with us. If you think you qualify for a place for your child here at school, then just get in touch with us in the usual way and we will arrange on site learning for them.

For those not in school, we have a responsibility to offer all children an education that is as close to 'in school' learning as possible. This is why the children have daily online English, maths and topic sessions which can be accessed through our website. Teachers will also be videoing themselves explaining tasks so that children who can be as independent as they can be in accessing the work. School staff will be checking in with families twice a week to speak to children about their learning and to support you all in any way you can. Staff will also be setting up phone calls and Zooms to continue SEND work and other interventions.

We are all adapting to new ways of working so please bear with us and let us know if you do not feel like you are receiving the support you should. Equally, let us know what we are doing well! It would be helpful if you can make sure you answer your phones to us so that we can assure ourselves of your safety and know that the children are engaging with the learning as they should. We understand that you may not wish to have us ring so regularly so please let staff know the best time to get hold of you and which days you would prefer.

I would like to say a massive thank you for your ongoing support. I am sure you also would like to join with me in thanking the school staff for working around the clock to respond to the Prime Minister's decision, and providing some high quality learning for all children in such good time.

Please stay safe and follow National Lockdown guidance. We hope to see you all very soon.

Mrs Blake

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## **Free School Meals Packs**

Children entitled to Free School Meals (not Universal Free School Meals which all Key Stage 1 children are entitled to) are being provided with weekly food packs from CaterEd. If your circumstances have changed and you think your family is entitled to Free School Meals please apply to the Council who will check to see if you are eligible. Please follow this link:

[Free School Meals Application](#)

CaterEd will continue to provide these packs unless you opt-out or the Government decide to change to vouchers.

If you have any queries or do not wish to receive a pack, please contact the School Office.



## **Additional Mobile Phone Data**

The DfE have launched a scheme which temporarily increases data allowances for mobile phone users on certain networks, this is so that children and young people can access remote education if their face-to-face education is disrupted.

Schools can request mobile data increases for children who are eligible. If you don't have internet access at home, or need additional data to complete home learning please contact the School Office.

## **Chromebooks for Families**



We have a number of Chromebooks and data dongles available to families who require better access to the internet and our remote learning.

We will consider all requests but will prioritise families who have significant difficulties in accessing the remote learning due to lack of technology or internet access.

If you would like a Chromebook for your family, please email the school office. We will consider each request and let you know as soon as possible if you have been successful.

## **Remote Learning Offer**

All remote learning has now been set up for each child in the school. We have tried to make it as easy as possible for families to access this. Just use a smart device, games console, laptop, tablet or desktop to access our website:

<http://www.highstreet.plymouth.sch.uk/website>

From there, click on the remote learning part of the menu and then your child's year group.

Day by day learning will be added which matches the worksheets in your child/ren's packs.

The government would like KS1 children to complete around 3 hours worth of learning a day and KS2 children to complete 4 hours worth.

We know how tricky things are and so please engage as much you can but also use wonderful resources such as CBBC who are running live lessons each day starting from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan.

We have provided enough work to last until the 29<sup>th</sup> January and at this point we will ask you to return the children's work and we will provide more for the remainder of the lockdown.

There are staff on hand all day, every day to respond to queries about the learning so please get in touch if you'd like a teacher or TA to get in touch to go through learning with your child either by phone or video call.



# Your Say...

## Parent voice:

**I was thinking of you  
all last night – you have  
all had so much to do  
and I appreciate the  
support you are giving.**

*Many thanks for all your  
help – we are so grateful  
for all you are doing.*

## Pupil voice:

It is great being in school. I  
have really enjoyed my English  
and maths but art has been  
the best.

Peter – Y5

I've liked English the best. It  
has been about Romans and has  
helped my learning about the  
Romans.

Toni – Y5

I have enjoyed all of it but the  
best bit has been the art and  
making this (showing a  
necklace). We have made  
Stone Age jewellery.

Darren – Y5



## HIGH STREET PRIMARY ACADEMY TERM DATES 2020/2021

	September 20	October 20	November 20	December 20
Monday	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
Tuesday	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Wednesday	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
Thursday	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Friday	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
	January 21	February 21	March 21	April 21
Monday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
Tuesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27
Wednesday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28
Thursday	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29
Friday	8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
	May 21	June 21	July 21	August 21
Monday	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30
Tuesday	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24 31
Wednesday	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
Thursday	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26
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Public Holiday

School Holiday

School Inset Day

