



Holbrook News

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A Change of Classrooms.

Wow! The first week of home learning draws to a close and we have all had to get used to a new working space.

Some are lucky like Mr Gould with a desk and home offices, Mrs Kelsall has found space at her dining room table in the conservatory and I am using the breakfast bar in the kitchen to write the newsletter! I hope that you are all managing to find a space to work.

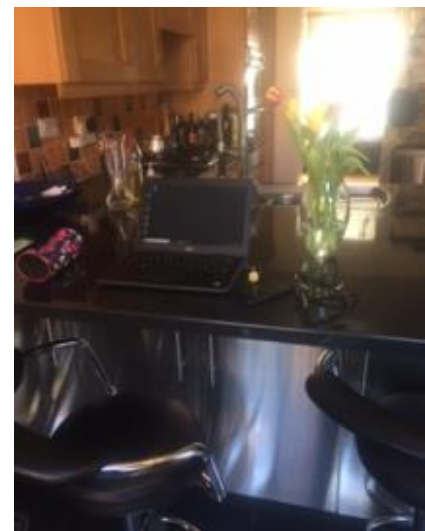
Since we had to close on Friday, all the plans that we had in place have been put into action. Although staff aren't at school they are all working very hard to keep learning and contact happening for your children so, I just want to say a huge thank you to the staff of Holbrook for their efforts and determination to make the home learning happen and be successful for your children.

I must also offer a huge thank you to you and the pupils of Holbrook for all of your resilience and enthusiasm in keeping the learning going in tricky times. It really shows that Holbrook School is a learning partnership of staff, pupils and parents. Without your help to support the children in their learning, without the teachers providing the learning opportunities and without the children showing that they really have taken BEST learning to heart, we wouldn't do as well as we do as a school, as was recognised by our recent OFSTED report.

I do not have any updates from the government about when school may open again but just to say that, even though the building is closed, we are very much still working and are here for you.

It has been great to hear from so many of you via the year group contact emails and through the blogs, please keep this up. When we are all stuck in our houses with only a few people around us to talk to these contacts with each other really help. If you want to speak to a member of staff, send an email to your child's year group contact email and they will forward your request to your learning mentor, they will then be happy to give you a call to see how you are doing and how we can help you.

Remember, keep safe, regularly wash your hands with hot water and soap, stay at home and keep your social distance! Keep in touch and we will see you all very soon.



Weekly Challenge

Be mindful of your BEST!

• *Be active... Aim for 60mins of exercise a day*

• *Eat healthily... Remember your five a day*

• *Sleep well*

• *Take time for you...*

Be healthy inside and out!

Challenge 10 - #PEWithJoe



At 9am each day [Joe Wicks aka The Body Coach](#), has been holding an online fitness routine for children. Lots of our families and the teachers have been doing it every day. It is great to have this common bond with others in the school and around the world.

Today he set some homework, which makes a great challenge – **Design a work out.**

The best one he receives he will do as a live PE lesson next week.

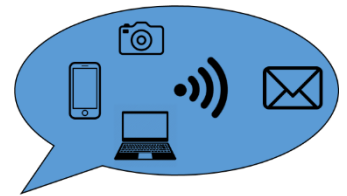
- So look back on the lessons – pick what you think are the best 10 exercise.
- Write them down.
- Work out how long to do each one and how much rest.

You might even want to be Joe Wicks and practise them with your family just to make sure it is a good one.

Then get your Mum or Dad to take a picture of your workout list and send it to him via his social media – Twitter / Facebook / Instagram.

Good luck.

Keep in Contact



People are very social creatures, we like to chat and share stories and news. Times of social isolation can be really tricky.

In school we share great learning that teachers have spotted, in class, Mrs McCarthy's wall of fame and assemblies.

As we can't share things in person we need to use technology to help. It is great that children are sharing via comments on blogs and e-mails to the teaching teams on the contact email address.

We do like to use pictures on Facebook and the newsletter - you can then share these moments with your children so they stay connected.



If you do take any pictures of any of your children joining in the activities on the blogs / Facebook / Twitter we would love to see them. Any that we can share on social media (we don't identify any of the pupils by name) or the newsletter please send to challenge@holbrookprimary.com

Free School Meal Vouchers.

Vouchers for those pupils that are in receipt of free school meals have been sent out via a text message or e-mail. The learning mentors have been busy ringing families if you haven't activated your link yet.

If you think you should have received a voucher but haven't please contact admin@holbrook.coventry.sch.uk so we can investigate.