



WHYBRIDGE JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

27th March 2020

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Message from Mrs Warshow, Head of School

This week has seen incredible teamwork and flexibility in the face of an unprecedented challenge. We are grateful to and proud of all members of the school community for the part they have played in what is a trying time for everyone. Your support and positive responses to the work that we are doing has been very much appreciated. Thank you.

It has been wonderful to see and hear about what the children are doing at home, whether it's the daily Joe Wicks workout, their work packs, Class Dojo activities or helping out with household chores.

Whereas all schools in England are officially closed, Whybridge Junior School remains open for children who are classed as vulnerable and those whose parents are key workers. See the link below for the list of key workers:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-maintaining-educational-provision/guidance-for-schools-colleges-and-local-authorities-on-maintaining-educational-provision>

As of Monday 30th March, any pupils from Whybridge Junior School, whose parents require childcare as the only option for them to continue to do the critical work needed for the COVID-19 response, will be looked after at **Scargill Junior School**. A sandwich lunch will be on offer for each pupil who attends. They can also bring their own packed lunch if preferred.

Staff members from Whybridge Junior School will be on hand to answer phone calls and provide information and care. There will be a weekly Key Worker Contact for Whybridge pupils and parents, who will be with the pupils at Scargill Junior School. There will also be two members of staff at Whybridge to respond to any questions and concerns, along with overseeing safeguarding arrangements. **Our phone lines will be open from 8.30am – 3.45pm daily.**

The Whybridge Key Worker contact at Scargill Junior School next week is Mr Birbeck.

Please find further information in the rest of this newsletter and don't hesitate to call us if you have any queries. Stay safe everyone.

Mrs Warshow

Senior Staff contacts at Whybridge

There will be members of the Senior staff team on site at Whybridge Junior School every day. These staff members will be available to support pupils and staff in whatever way they can.

Mrs S Warshow – Head of School
Mrs T Green – Deputy Head of School
Miss A Fairbank – Upper School Phase Leader
Mrs D Field – Lower School Phase Leader
Mr D Gildersleeve – Lead Practitioner

Call the school office on: 01708 552870 if we can help in any way.

Weekly Phone Calls Home

Many of you will have received a phone call home this week, to check that all is ok and to ask if there is anything we can do to help.

As from next week, all parents will receive a call from either the class teacher, one of our Family Support Workers or a member of the senior staff team.

The aim of this is to keep in touch with everyone and offer support during this challenging time.

Special mention for pupils working at home:

Class	Name	Class	Name
3A	Khadijah Positive attitude to work and some fantastic writing.	5B	Lucy For completing a poster on Volcanoes.
3J	Zoe Researching the Solar System and creating a fact file on the planets.	5T	Stanley For making lovely biscuits for his family!
4F	Declan Amazing start to home learning!	6F	Joe W Completing all tasks on Class Dojo!
4R	Megan C Class Dojo Pioneer	6G	Samuel Working really hard. Also completing a daily bleep test in his garden.
4T	Sameeha First post on class Dojo for 4T!		

FOOD PARCELS for Free School Meal pupils

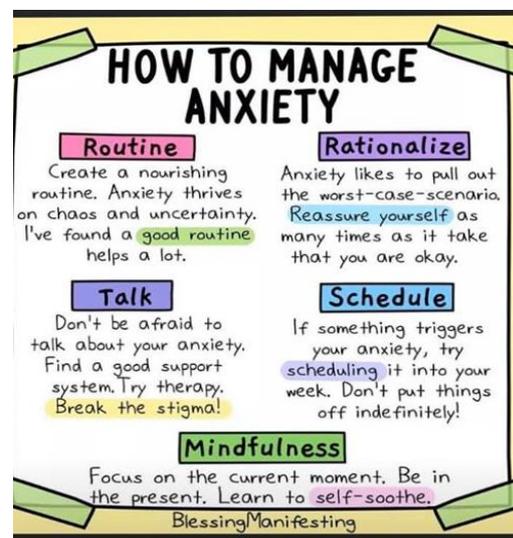
As of Monday 30th March, our kitchen team will be preparing weekly food packs for those pupils who are eligible for Free School Meals. These will be available for collection from Whybridge Junior School each Monday from 11am. The kitchen staff have requested that parents bring a carrier bag with them to carry the food pack.

The food pack has been designed to be as neutral as possible, to suit all dietary requirements, with easy to use ingredients, that can produce quick lunches at home.

Each child's weekly food pack will include:

- 1 x Princes Tuna Chunks in Brine 185g
- 1 Baked Beans- 400g Heinz
- 2 x Cheese Triangles
- 3 x Jacket Potatoes
- 1 x Loaf of Bread- Wholemeal
- 5 x Pieces of Fruit- Apple, Pear, Banana or Satsuma
- 1 x 3 Long Life Yoghurts Mixed flavours
- 2 x Assorted Biscuits

If your child qualifies for a free school meal, and you would like to collect a free weekly food pack from Whybridge Junior School, please call the school office to arrange this.



Home Learning

A big thank you and well done to all pupils (and parents) for working on their class work packs this week. Just a reminder that we still have some work packs for individual pupils at school, so if you are able to collect, please let the office know. Also, our school website: <https://www.whybridge-jun.havering.sch.uk> has lots more work in the 'Parents Information' – 'Emergency Work Packs' section.

Class teachers have been working hard to think of ways that they can communicate with their pupils frequently. They have already started to use Class Dojo as the main way of setting work and communicating with their class. Please log in to www.classdojo.com to help your child access the learning set by their teacher and to keep in touch.

We have also uploaded a school day timetable to Class Dojo, as a guide for how you could structure the day for your child. Good luck!

EASTER: School opening for Key Worker children and others

Please let us know by Thursday each week if you require this childcare provision for your child. We are currently working on our Easter opening arrangements, so again if you meet the criteria to use this provision, please let us know and we will do all we can to support you.

Two School Projects to do at home...

Library Project: Mrs Whitehead needs your help! She would like you to draw and colour a flag. Not just any flag, but a flag of the country either you were born in or where your parents/grandparents were born. Can this please be done on an A4 sheet of paper. You can do as many flags as you like. When you have completed your flag, please take a 'landscape' photo of it (making sure you fill the entire screen) and send it to:

office@whybridge-jun.havering.sch.uk

Please note: You MUST enter the **Subject** as: FLAG – Country

This will also be a great opportunity for the family to learn all the flags around the world. Have a little quiz with each other and spend some time at the table drawing and keeping busy.

School Knitting Project: School would also like to ask the whole community to get involved in our "Make a Blanket for the Butterfly Room". We are asking that everyone make a 6" x 6" square of any kind of craft work that you enjoy doing. This can be knitting, crocheting, sewing, cross stitch or macramé.

See the link below to become a spool knitter. This is a great one for the children to do.

While you are out on one of your daily walks, please come past school where we will leave a basket of wool at the reception office door. Please help yourself to a ball of wool and drop off any squares you may have completed. We look forward to putting the squares all together to make a blanket that will be displayed in school.

2020 is becoming a year we will never forget.

<https://club.chicacircle.com/how-to-make-your-own-spool-knitter/>

Please see over the Links to COVID-19 government advice:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>