



# Wistaston Weekly

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**Week 20**  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

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"We will challenge, excite and encourage a love of life and learning in every child."

*Dear Parents and Guardians,*

*Thank you for comments made on our remote learning survey this week. We appreciate the positive comments and the constructive feedback we have received. We understand that this situation is not ideal for anyone and we are desperate to fill the school with children once again when the government say it is safe to do so. In the meantime, as an inclusive school, we will continue to make an offer of remote learning that we believe is accessible for all, manageable for as many families as possible and as engaging for as many children as we can achieve.*

*Remote learning will continue for most children next week. We finish for half-term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February – school is closed for half-term and no remote learning will be set.*

*A certificate is attached to this week's newsletter. We are rewarding some children with certificates in our recorded assembly but you can use this to reward your children at home for excellent effort and great work.*

*Thank you for all you are doing at home with the children. We will get through this difficult time together.*

*Take care,  
Mr Bancroft*

## **NEW MESSAGES**

**There is important new information below – please make sure that you read it.**

### **Welcome**

Miss Emma Hennahane will be joining the staff as the teacher covering Mrs Lawrie's maternity leave. Although Miss Hennahane doesn't join us officially until March 1<sup>st</sup>, she is visiting school next week and will be joining some remote learning sessions over the next few weeks. She is absolutely lovely and the children will enjoy being with her! Mrs Lawrie's last day in school is Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

### **Challenge for Week 3**

This time we are setting a creative challenge – you can draw, paint, make or whatever works best – **create a picture to show what makes you happy**. Send in a photograph of your entry to [challenge@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:challenge@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk) and we will share some of our favourites in next week's Wistaston Weekly!

Check out the entries for last week's self-portrait challenge on the next page!

### **Tommy Tiger Activities**

Please access the Pupil Wellbeing page on our website to access activities from Tommy Tiger which we hope will inspire children to to keep fit during the lockdown.

<https://www.wcla.co.uk/500/pupil-wellbeing>

## Maths and English Support Sessions

From next week, we will be evolving the Maths and English support sessions. These sessions will be still be delivered by one of the teachers in your child's year group and will last approximately ½ hour. We have done our best to avoid clashes for all siblings but unfortunately due to timetable restrictions this is unavoidable. All children are invited to attend these sessions.

If your child wishes to attend these sessions to receive additional support for the maths and English, then they must email their questions to the year group email by **no later than 3.30pm on the day prior to the support session**. If no questions are received by the class teachers, then a session will be planned which addresses a basic skill (e.g. 'addition strategies' for maths or 'sentence punctuation for English).

Please remember that we will be disabling the chat function and all attendees will be muted during these sessions to ensure that we can address the questions that the children have sent in. Please be aware that due to time constraints, teachers may not be able to respond to any questions during this session.

Details of these sessions will be included in the letter containing the weekly links to live sessions. The timetable seemed to work last week so it will continue next week.

9.30am - 10am	Year 1	Year 3 Year 4	Year 6	Rec	Year 5 Year 2
2.30pm – 3pm	Year 6	Rec Year 2	Year 5	Year 3 Year 4	Year 1

## Celebration Assembly

Each week Mr Bancroft and Mrs Watson will share a short celebration assembly. We will be posting out certificates to our winners. You can watch our assembly here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T66pR5ookzg&safe=true>

## PE T-shirts

House team Pe T shirts should now be purchased from our uniform supplier Smart School uniform using the following link <https://www.smartacademyuniform.co.uk> . Please note there is no expectation for parents to purchase the new design of t-shirts straight away as we will be phasing them in.

## EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS)

The Home Office have asked schools to remind parents and families that if they are an EU, EEA or Swiss citizen, they and their family members may be eligible to apply to the [EU Settlement Scheme \(EUSS\)](#). The application deadline, for those who were living in the UK by the end of the transition period at 23:00 GMT on 31 December 2020, is 30 June 2021.

Children and young people require their own immigration status and are not covered by a parent's application to the EUSS. An application must be made for every eligible child within a family. A parent or guardian can apply on behalf of a child and link it to their own application (if applicable), or they can apply in their own right. There's lots [more information on this here on GOV.UK](#).

Applications to the EUSS are free and can be made online on [GOV.UK](#). Information on what is needed to apply can also be found on [GOV.UK](#). Successful applicants get either [settled status or pre-settled status](#) ensuring they can continue to live and work in the UK after 30 June 2021, whilst remaining eligible to access the benefits and services they could before the UK left the EU.

For questions about applications, call 0300 123 7379 or +44 (0) 20 3080 0010 from outside the UK

(Monday to Friday, 8am to 8pm and Saturday to Sunday, 9.30am to 4.30pm). [Find out about call charges.](#)

### Half-Term

School closes for half-term on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February for all pupils. Remote learning will not be set at half-term. School re-opens for children who are currently attending on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February and remote learning will resume for all other children on the same date.

For children attending school, it is essential that you inform school at [covid19@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:covid19@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk) if children develop symptoms of coronavirus before 4pm on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> February. If we are made aware, we may need to ask some children to isolate until a test result is confirmed. If in any doubt, please just let school know and we will help where we can.

### Virtual Holiday Club

South Cheshire Methodist Circuit and St Peter's CE Elworth are offering all primary age children the chance to join their virtual holiday club during February half term. Please see the flyer below for more information.



**FEBRUARY 17-19TH 10:00AM - YOUTUBE 11:30AM - ZOOM**

**CONTACT: CHILDREN-FAMILY@STPETERS-ELWORTH.ORG.UK**  
**01270762213**

**FREE EVENT  
FOR PRIMARY  
AGED KIDS!**

# **BIG DREAMS HOLIDAY CLUB**

**HAVE YOU EVER HAD BIG DREAMS? WE WILL AIM TO  
DISCOVER WHAT DREAMS GOD GAVE JOSEPH AND WHAT  
THEY MEAN, AS WELL AS LOOKING AT WHAT YOUR DREAMS  
ARE FOR THE FUTURE!**

## Challenge of the Week 2 – Self-Portrait

Thank you to Annabelle, Ruby, Bayley, Esme, Harry, Jess and Olivia their excellent self-portraits. We recognised you instantly from your pictures – well done to all of you!





## **REPEATED INFORMATION**

**The information below has been shared before – you may have read it already, but we have kept it here as it is important.**

### **Safeguarding**

If you have a safeguarding concern about a child, you can contact school by email on [safeguarding@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@wistaston.cheshire.sch.uk). You can also ring Cheshire East's Safeguarding Team on 03001235012 (option 3).

### **Safeguarding Rules for Remote Learning**

- The child should participate in the live session in a safe, appropriate environment.
- Children should be dressed appropriately (no nightwear or swimwear).
- Children should be able to participate in the session independently, but an adult should always be present in the room during the session.
- Microphones should be turned off unless the teacher asks you to turn them on.
- We will need to act on any safeguarding concerns identified during the live session.
- Should something unexpected occur, the teacher will end the session immediately and without warning.
- Children are expected to behave responsibly, and any misbehaviour may need to be managed like it would be during a normal school day.
- If the facility is available on the device being used, please ensure that the camera is on during the session.
- Please bear in mind that staff members could be working from home and so internet strength can vary. If the members of staff unexpectedly leave the session (due to loss of internet or other technical issue) parents must remove their children from the lesson without delay.
- Parents and children must not film or record the live sessions in any way whatsoever.
- Siblings should not be present through the live session.
- Pupils should be on time – teachers will start the sessions at the published time.
- The link to the session must not be shared with anyone outside of the class – especially on social media. If we find out that a link has been shared publicly the live session will need to be cancelled.

Please note that a breach of these rules may mean that a child will not be allowed to participate in the live sessions.

### **School Office**

The School Office is open between 8.30am and 12.30pm, Monday to Friday. We would prefer that you communicate via email. In an emergency please phone the school. We are short staffed in the office at the moment and ask that you bear this in mind.

### **Coronavirus**

Your child must not come into school if they have the following symptoms: a new continuous cough, a high temperature or a loss or change in taste or smell. If your child has these symptoms they should book a test using [www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing-and-tracing/get-a-test-to-check-if-you-have-coronavirus/) or by calling 119.

### **Times are hard – can we support in any way?**

We understand that this lockdown is more challenge for families in many ways. We would like to support families where we can by making referrals to the Food Bank, for the Cheshire East Winter Grant Scheme or help to apply for free school meals. If there is anything we can do, please get in touch with school and someone will give a discreet call back.

## **Safeguarding and Wellbeing Hub**

We have been updating some of the resources on the Safeguarding and Wellbeing Hub on the school website. If there is any further information you think we could add, please let us know. We hope the pages are useful.