



Wistaston Weekly

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

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We all want to put on record what a fabulous job you are doing to keep your children safe and support them with their learning. You are all amazing for doing so well during these difficult times.

*Take care,
Mr Bancroft*

NEW MESSAGES

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

Challenge for Week 2

This time we are setting a drawing challenge – **can you draw or paint a self-portrait?** Send in a photograph of your entry to 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 recycling challenge on the next page!

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.

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>

Survey

All parents in the school trust are invited to complete a short questionnaire regarding remote learning. If you would like to contribute, the survey is open until Friday 5th February. You can find the survey here:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=aN4BOHFhvU-DVfsri6uO0uE8343wliFKu62Vbl1EkRUNzM4SzBONVRQMjgwR0NUMDdITURXTVdWSi4u>

Maths and English Support Sessions

Since the beginning of this current lockdown, we have ensured that any English and Maths tasks set for children have been accompanied with a variety of online support materials that can be accessed to aid them in their learning. We deliberately chose this approach as children can access the support materials as many times as is necessary to secure their understanding of the tasks. We would now like to enhance this offer by adding in some additional support for Maths and English.

From next week, we will be offering each year group two additional live sessions: one Maths support session and one English support session. These sessions will 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.

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**. 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. We will do our best to respond to all questions, but please be aware that due to time constraints, we might not be able to answer every single question. For the same reason, teachers may not be able to respond to any questions during this session. Details of these sessions will be included in the weekly letter containing the weekly links to live sessions.

Here is the timetable for next week. (If our scheduling works out ok then we will continue with these times the following week.)

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
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://youtu.be/f577Nhoq6fY>

Pe T-shirts

House team Pe T shirts can 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. Thank you.

Challenge of the Week 1 – Recycling Challenge

Thank you to Charlie, Junior, Alice, Harry, Poppy, Oliver, Reggie and Harper for sending in photos of their cardboard creations. I hope you had lots of fun building your models!



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. You can also ring Cheshire East's Safeguarding Team on 03001235012 (option 3).

Remote Learning

Thank you for your support in attempting to reduce interruptions in live sessions. It is appreciated.

We want to remind everyone about the remote learning:

- We would love it if all children completed the learning tasks set each day on the school website. But we understand that for some families this may prove a challenge, so please do what is manageable for your family.
- We are offering six live sessions each day (over three days) to all children. It would be brilliant if you could prioritise attending these, but we understand that on some occasions, children will not be able to attend.
- We intend to make sure all work for the next day is online the night before and will do our best to make sure this happens.
- Links and the timetable for live sessions are in a separate email and typically we will send these out on a Friday for the following week.
- We use Zoom for the live sessions. You can use a web browser to join, but Zoom does work better with the app, so we recommend that you use it. Zoom is available on many devices including Xbox, Playstation, smartphone, tablets and laptops.

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/ or by calling 119.