



**Heartsease**  
Primary Academy

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## Newsletter 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Where do I start, normally it would be excitement and anticipation as we all start a new year and a new term. A chance to put last year's challenges behind us and look forward to more achievements as we move towards spring.

However, Covid-19 has thrown another curve ball at us all and we are back in lockdown. We need this lockdown to keep all of us safe and to halt the spread of the new variant and as a school we are doing everything we can to keep you, your children and family safe and well.

As always, our wonderful children and their equally amazing parents/carers have risen to the challenges that this third lockdown has brought. We are so impressed how all our children have taken to remote learning again. Just a reminder that your children must log in every day and work as if they are at school as much as possible. The Government has not given any real indication as to how long we will be in lockdown and we will keep you informed of any changes we receive from the Department for Education.

Feedback from the teachers has been so positive about the way your children have taken to remote learning again and there is a real upbeat air in the virtual and classrooms.

A number of pupils are in school and they are following the same curriculum as the children who are remote learning, this means that all the children are working to the same level whether they are in school or at home.

Your children continue to be bright stars and it lifts the spirits of all the school staff to see them enjoying their education and continuing to thrive in these challenging days.

Quick reminder that if you do have to come on to the school premises please wear a face covering unless you are exempt, please help us to keep everyone safe and wear one.

Thank you as always for your continued support and we will continue to do everything we can to continue your child's education in a safe and caring environment.

Alex Burrell  
Headteacher

## News

### Free School Meals

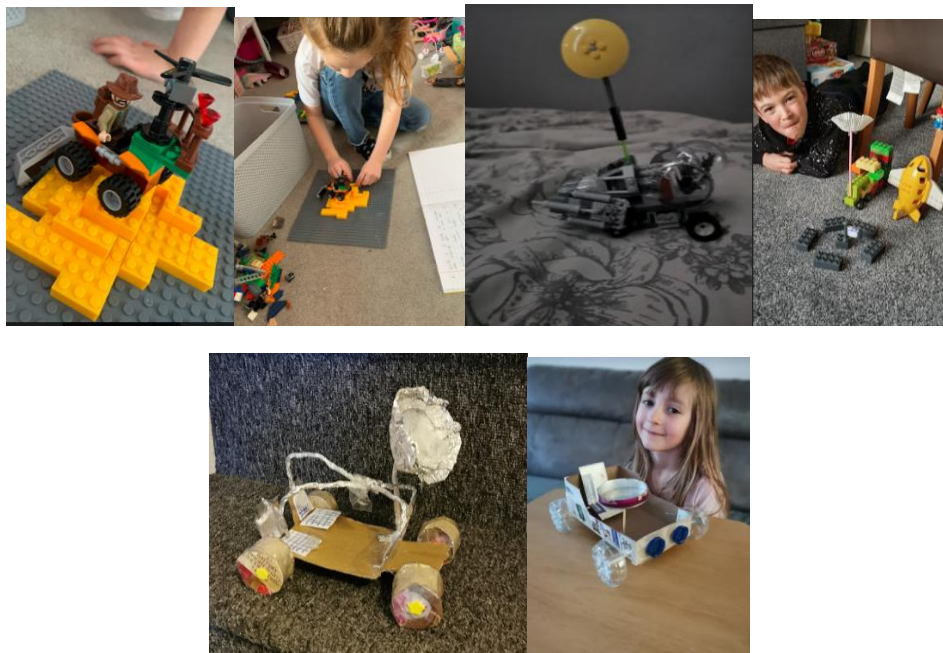
We will again be providing free school meals vouchers during the current lockdown. If you are registered you do not need to do anything. All parents (including reception) can check if they are entitled to free school meals using this link [www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo](http://www.norfolk.gov.uk/neo)

### School Meals

Please ensure that if your child is in school and requires a meal it must be ordered by **9.00am**.

**Please note that any changes to the menu will be on this weekly newsletter.**

**Year 2** have been making lunar buggies as they are learning all about Neil Armstrong.



**Coral Class** have been busy with a scavenger hunt, building dens for Bushcraft and making Roman shields.



**Year 4** have been amazing at registering this week. Fantastic effort everyone. In English the pupils have started to plan and write their Greek myths. They have all worked so hard and we have read some marvellous settings that have incorporated similes, metaphors, expanded noun phrases and prepositions. In DT they have designed their own Greek sandal. In all subjects the children have shown their enthusiasm and commitment to their learning. Well done Year 4.

**Year 6** have been working on classification of living things in science this week. Diksana attended a live lesson on this, then produced a beautiful classification - we are so proud!



The diagram is a flowchart with two main branches: **Invertebrates** and **Vertebrates**.

- Invertebrates**
  - 8 legs**: Includes *Octopus* (lives underwater) and *Tarantula* (lives on ground).
  - Long Flexible antennas**: Includes *Cockroach*.
- Vertebrates**
  - Fur**: Includes *Lion* and *ape*.
  - Non-fur**: Includes *Emu*, *Penguin*, and *Komodo dragon*.



### Monster Phonics

Monster Phonics regularly provides free phonics webinars for parents. Monster Phonics invite you to participate in a special webinar, to help guide you through the next 6 weeks of home learning.

The session will provide fun and easy tasks for learning phonics. We know that lockdown affects everyone's time differently. Therefore, we are going to show a range of activities from independent tasks, to tasks that require some adult support to more in-depth activities involving art and craft.

Each attendee will receive a Parent Start Pack to download after the session. This will include a large selection of fun activity worksheets for you to use.

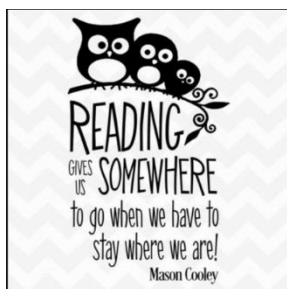
To book a place go to <https://monsterphonics.com/>



## Music Lessons

SAM Music service provides one-to-one lessons on drum kit, guitar, piano and vocals. Lessons are 30 minutes and cost £16.50 each. Lessons take place outside of school hours online from home. If you are interested please contact Rob Biss [www.sammusicservice.com](http://www.sammusicservice.com)

They do accept childcare vouchers, which can be a helpful way of reducing the price of lessons for parents able to pay this way.



## Reading Miles

Here at Heartsease, we love reading. Each week the children's reads are recorded and they can gain House Points.

## The Office

Unless it is an urgent matter, if you wish to speak to the office or see me, please either email the office [office@heartseaseprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@heartseaseprimary.co.uk) or call and make an appointment.

Please also note the office is unable to take in forgotten kit or lunch, so please make sure that your child has everything they need for their school day.

## Parking and Vehicles in the School Car Park

Only parents/carers who have a school parking permit are allowed to enter the school car park (these are only issued on medical grounds, and with prior authorisation from the Headteacher) – everyone else should park well away from the school entrances. Please ensure the main entrance is left clear and that the safety of pedestrians is considered at all times. Only those with a disabled permit should be parking in the disabled bay.

## Parents Helpline: 07443908515

Our Parents Helpline is available to offer advice to parents and carers who may be finding life at home difficult during this time at home with your children. You may have questions, concerns or simply need to talk to someone. We understand that this is a difficult time and want you to know that we are only a phone call away.



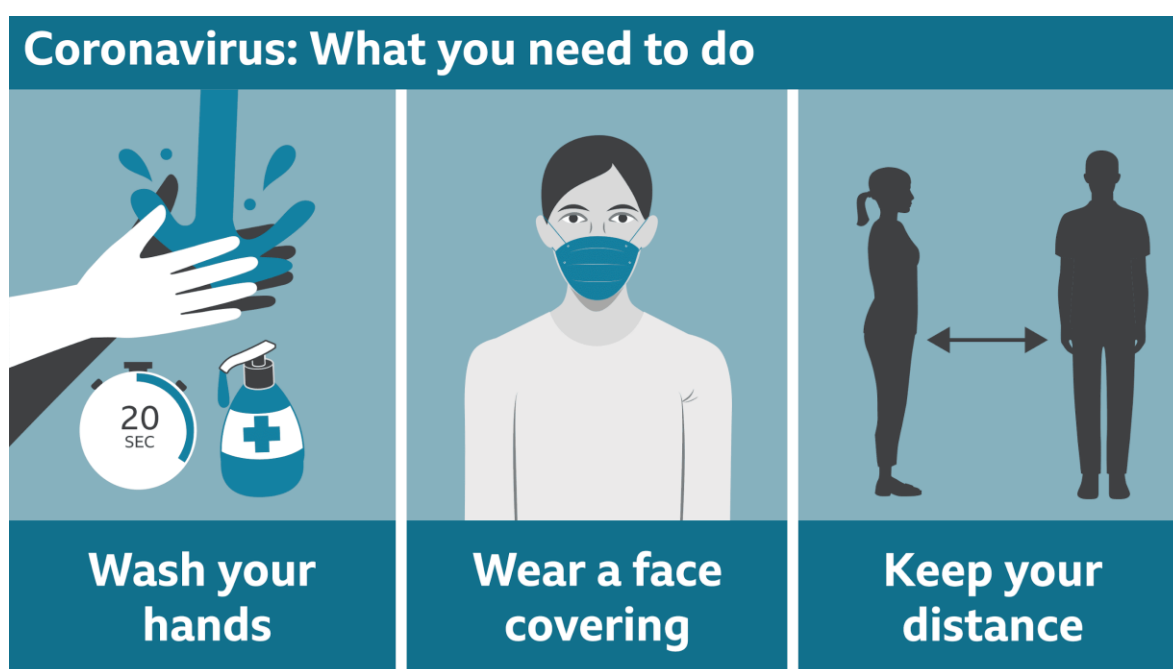
### Emails – please check

Please ensure you check your emails regularly particularly during this period as this is the only way we can contact you. The website will also have copies of newsletters on for your information. **Please make sure that we have the correct email address for you.**

### Contact Details - IMPORTANT

In case of emergencies we must have at least 2 different contact details for each child. Please send an email to [office@heartseaseprimary.co.uk](mailto:office@heartseaseprimary.co.uk) or phone the office if you need to update any telephone numbers. In case of medical or any other emergency we must be able to get hold of someone straight away.

### Coronavirus Advice



### **Upcoming events:**

**12 February 2021 - LAST DAY OF TERM**

**22 February 2021 - BACK TO SCHOOL**



## **Times Tables Rock Stars Battles**

Well done everyone on your first two weeks of home learning - we are all SO impressed by what we have seen!

It has been great to see so many of you still practising your times tables on TTRS and today marks the start on the first battle of 2021! Let's see who can be our first champions of the year.... girls or boys???

Let the battle commence!

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

#### **Topaz**

1st place - Yzabelle, who is a Rock Star and currently second fastest in school!

2nd place -Maxine

3rd place - Ezio

Well done to all. Let's see if the positions change next week!

**Quartz** Kiera for the highest increased Gig score this term - well done!

**Diamond** - Jan for getting lots of correct answers this week on her TTRS sessions! She's super speedy with her times tables!

#### **Prodigy**

**Quartz** - Alfie for a gold award on prodigy with 146 points!

**Topaz-**



Gold medal - Elvis (who is way out in front currently)

Silver medal - Sabine

Bronze medal - Bilal



### Bees Knees Awards



**Ruby** – Zach because he found an incredible number of shapes around his house.

**Jade** – Hannah for her amazing independent work. Special thanks to her sister for helping her out. You have both been stars this week!

**Jasper**- Toby for his lovely independent writing while using google classroom

**Opal** - Megan for being on each LIVE lesson, completing tasks independently.

**Onyx** – Chloe for your amazing determination and perseverance with your online learning this week! Your attitude to learning has been amazing!

**Aqua**- Lyssia for being collaborative and kind. She has taken the initiative to help others get online and her teachers really do appreciate this! Thank you for being so kind Lyssia!

**Amber**- William, for putting in so much time and dedication into his remote learning, for attending all of the live lessons daily and a huge improvement in his handwriting.

**Coral**- Edward because you participate in all our live lessons, you are polite, listen and don't shout out. 😊





**Crystal** – Orlagh for her use of ambitious words in her description of Mount Vesuvius erupting.

**Garnet** – Rowan because he has shown great consistency and effort in his work. He is always online and in the live lessons, using them to help his learning and ask questions. He is engaged and determined to do his best work.

**Tanzanite** – Brogan for all his efforts on Google Classroom this week. You have been an absolute shining super star - Keep up the fab work!

**Topaz**- Elvis thoroughly deserve to be the Bees Knees this week. Despite initial laptop logging on issues and lagging wifi you have determinedly joined our morning live meets. You have so impressed me with your commitment to these sessions and your active participation. Keep it up!

**Emerald** – Savannah - for being active and involved on Google Classroom all week and being determined to finish all the maths problems.

**Sapphire** – Katie for completing all of her work with enthusiasm, actively joining in all of our live lessons and striving to complete every piece of work to the very best of her ability.

**Diamond**- Tyler has been so enthusiastic with our live lessons this week and it's been a delight to hear his contributions to each lesson. Keep up the fantastic work Tyler!

**Quartz**- Diksana for contributions during live lessons on googlemeets, and a beautiful science classification poster this week.



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