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A message from Mrs Foxton



On behalf of everyone here at Melbourne Primary School - Happy New Year! I hope that you were all able to enjoy Christmas despite the restrictions that were imposed upon us at these times.

Following Monday night's Governmental announcement, I would like to thank you for your support, flexibility and patience. I understand that you too were provided with very little time to mark plans. We have done our best to respond at very short notice and have managed to accommodate all children who needed to attend school so far. However, uptake has been significant this time around and we are incredibly close to capacity. We have prioritised creating small groups/bubbles to try and limit the risk of transmission of the virus. I have written several communications so far and tried to keep you as up to date as possible. I also know that your teachers or other school staff are in contact with you – I hope that you have found this useful. Please continue to use the class e-mail addresses for communication with teachers – staff are keen to support children in any way they can. If your child is struggling to engage in home learning please do have a read of the 'handy hints and tips' but remember – you are doing a brilliant job and 'you are enough!'

The current situation aside, it has been wonderful to see some of the critical worker children back in school and to chat with them about their Christmas break. The children that are here have settled incredibly well into new routines and organisation – children really are always more adaptable than we think and this period of time has underlined this. I hope that we will soon be able to return to some level of normality but until then, stay well and stay safe.

Learning at home and in school

Starting from this week, we aligned all of our lessons so that children at home are accessing the same lessons as those children who are in school.

Home Learning – handy hints and tips

I understand how challenging it is trying to make sure that your child has access to technology to get onto the MyLearning site especially where there are several children in a household all sharing a device. We have been passed instructions about how to use Xboxes, PlayStations, Nintendo Switches and Smart TVs to get onto the internet – these can be found further on in this newsletter.

What can I do if my child is reluctant to learn at home?

I know it can be for some parents, incredibly frustrating and difficult having to encourage an unwilling child to do their home learning, especially if you have your own work to do from home. Please do persevere with it as it is so important that your child continues with their learning so that they do not fall behind.

Some tips may be:

-Start the day at the usual time:

Getting up and aiming to be ready to start work and home learning around the usual time will help you and your child get into the right mind set.

This can, of course, be flexible: there's no obligation to follow a timetable, or stick to school hours, but if you're home schooling alongside working and you have to work set hours or do a certain amount per day, it will help establish a routine that works for everyone.

-Break up the day into manageable chunks

Try to work out when your child works best, and with the least need for input from you, and plan your more

focused work periods to fit in with those.

Obviously, how this works will depend on your child and how independent they are. If you have a Year 6 child, they might be able to concentrate on a task set by you or their teacher for 45 minutes – but if they're in year 2 or 3 maybe do 20 minutes at a time.

-Finding a workspace

Obviously not every home has desk spaces, especially if you have more than one child working from home so look at the lessons and see if any can be done elsewhere. For example: reading can be done almost anywhere in the house!

- Talk to your child's teacher

If your child is still reluctant to do their home learning, contact their teacher using the class email addresses. You can request a phone call; hearing a familiar voice can often help to reinforce the expectation that their school work is necessary.



1. Turn on PS4
2. Use your controller to scroll to the far right of the bar with games to *Library*
3. Select *Library* application
4. Within the library use the search bar to type in *Internet*
5. Select the *Internet Browser* app
6. Start Internet Browser and press the triangle button on the controller to search
7. Once on the internet, type in the search box *Google Classroom* and select the first link that comes up: Classroom: manage teaching and learning Google for Education - link below'
<https://edu.google.com/products/classroom>
8. Select *Go to Classroom*. Then log in using student email and password.



1. Go to Home Menu
2. Select *My Games and Apps*
3. Scroll down to Apps
4. Go to *Microsoft Edge* application
5. Type in a search for *Google Classroom*
6. Select *Go to Classroom*
7. You will need to log in using your student email address and password.

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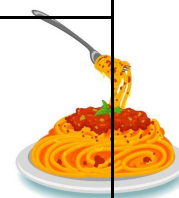


Menu - week commencing 11th January

We are still currently offering school meals every day

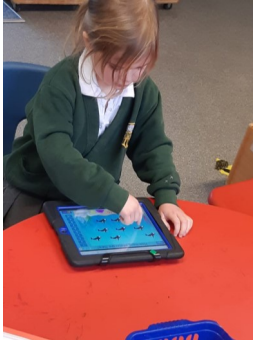


MONDAY:	Pizza Chips Baked Beans/Sweetcorn	Iced Sponge & Custard Fresh fruit Yoghurt
TUESDAY:	Spaghetti Bolognese Sweetcorn/Mixed Veg Bread	Arctic Roll & Fruit Fresh fruit Yoghurt
WEDNESDAY:	Sausages Gravy Yorkshire Pudding Roast Potatoes Carrots/Broccoli	Oaty Biscuits Fresh fruit Yoghurt
THURSDAY:	Chicken wrap Rice Sweetcorn/Peas	Mousse & Fruit Fresh Fruit Yoghurt
FRIDAY:	Fish fingers Chips Beans/Peas	Chocolate Sponge & Custard Fresh Fruit Yoghurt



WHAT HAVE WE BEEN UP TO THIS WEEK?

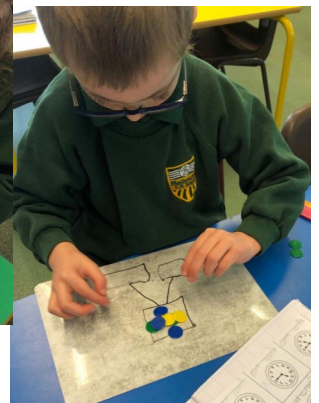
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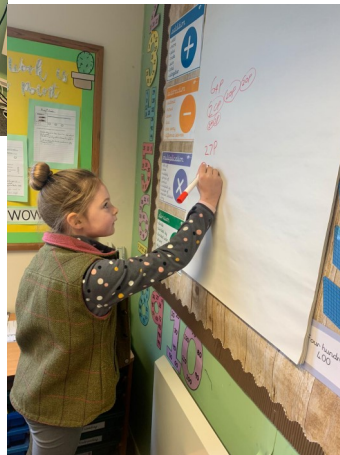
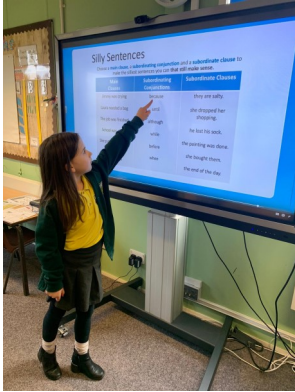
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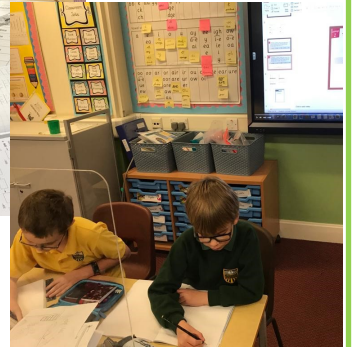
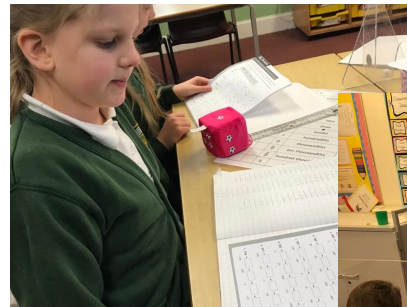
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