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This week has been a busy one for us as a school since the announcement was made that it was the intention for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to return to school. As I am sure you can imagine this has taken a significant amount of planning to try and find a way to enable the safe return of your children.

Thank you to everyone who completed the survey letting us know of your intention. This was very helpful and helps us to plan accordingly. If you haven't done so, please can we encourage you to complete it.

I will be sending out a detailed letter at the start of next week about how school will operate and the plans we have in place to do this. We have been receiving new guidance regularly which has caused us a delay with formulating our plans as much as we would have liked to. The government would like us to continue to have the key worker children, but also all children in EYFS, Y1 and Y6 back full time. We are working through staffing levels to see if this is viable.

I thought it would be useful to share some key principles of the way that school will operate to adhere to the Government guidance and to stay in line with social distancing:

- Children will be in groups, known as a 'bubble'. This is likely to be around 8 children due to our class sizes. The 'bubbles' will not mix.
- Unfortunately, this means your child may not have their class teacher or be in their usual classroom. Key worker children will be in their own bubble.
- The children will have their own desk to sit at, 2 meters apart and keep their equipment and resources on their desk. EYFS will be tailored appropriately.
- Arrival and collection times at school will be staggered to minimise the number of adults on site.
- Break times and lunchtimes will also be staggered to minimise contact.
- We will continue to focus on hand washing throughout the day.
- For the time being, there will not be a breakfast club or Mighty Oaks or any additional clubs held after school, as this would mean that our planned 'bubbles' could be mixing with each other.
- Non-attendance will not be fined or affect your attendance.
- There will be a focus on the children's wellbeing and reducing any stress or anxieties they may have about being in school. We will help them to adjust to their new way of schooling.

Hopefully this gives you an idea of the overall plans. As I say, I will be writing out with full details and timings etc early next week. Clearly the safety and wellbeing of staff and children has been our priority when making these plans. We are looking forward to having more children return to school and seeing them all.

Take care and stay safe,
Mrs Capel



We would like to send huge Happy Birthday wishes to those children who have been celebrating this week and plan to soon!
We hope that you all have a great day.

You are.....

Hettie on 16th May

Harry on 18th May

Mara on 20th May

Isabelle on 17th May

Liam on 18th May

Katy on 20th May



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Times Tables Rockstars is a great way to practice your times tables! Why not use your time at home to make your times tables skills RAZOR SHARP! You'll feel more CONFIDENT and find your maths EASIER! Plus you can compete against others (and don't worry, it's not just about knowing them all, it's about knowing the ones you do know REALLY WELL!). So get playing!!!

Banksy RF	5,296	6,225	🏆 Rowling LS
🏆 All Boys	12,531	12,004	All Girls

Banksy GJ Boys	364	2,08	Banksy GJ Girls
Banksy RF Boys	3,41	1,06	Banksy RF Girls
Dyson AC Boys	615	773	Dyson AC Girls
Dyson JC Boys	0	905	Dyson JC Girls
Rowling LS Boys	3,19	1,64	Rowling LS Girls
Rowling SM Boys	971	1,103	Rowling SM Girls



BATTLE RESULTS!

You might remember from last week that Banksy RF were battling it out in one competition, with all the boys and all the girls fighting in another... well, the big news is that Rowling LS held on to win! Fantastic skills from Sebastian, Jayson, Darcey and the rest of RF, but they were just edged out by Rowling LS, thanks to the might of Jon-Ross, Harry, Darcy and Archie with their fellow pupils. The same boys, along with Joshua, Harry, Jenson and Noah and many other boys carried the boys to victory, although special mention to Tiana for an all-beating score of 1,811 on the girls' side!

BATTLE UPDATES!

Battles aplenty this week! It's boys against girls again, but this time within their class groups. Bankst GJ boys – Harry and Isaac can't do it on their own! And boys in Dyson JC, where are you? See if you can put in a strong performance to help your team to victory, to be announced next week!



Music at Home!

Yumu, on Charanga, is a fantastic online music resource available to our children (contact your child's teacher if you need any help logging in) and we have some STARS who have been exploring this site, learning and playing a lot since school closed! Our current YUMU POPSTARS are:



Jon-Ross	3020
Ashley	2300
Jenson	1980
Zoe	1785
Ellie-May	1650
Emily	1355
Jay	1040
Alfie	735
Mason	715
Zander	545
Archie	495



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Home learning in school and at home

What amazing efforts for your home learning at home and your efforts in school. You amaze us every week with your focus and attitudes – keep it up!

In school

At the beginning of the week, we made our own forest! The children explored our lovely grounds and then made their own trees out of what they found. Can you spot the rosemary in some of the photos? It grows outside Rowling SM and smells wonderful if you roll some of the leaves between your fingers!



Later in the week, we were busy making posters to put up around our school. Our posters have the very important message of reminding everyone to wash their hands as often as possible and to keep a 2 metre distance at all times.



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Dyson JC

Year 6, I hope you've had another great week at home. It's been lovely to see so many of you challenging yourselves to learn new skills, practise what you already know and pushing yourself out your comfort zone. I'm sure your parents will be pleased to see some of you helping younger siblings or even helping around the house. Keep up all the hard work and I will hopefully see you soon! Take

care and stay safe,
Miss Coleman :)

*Octopi have 3 hearts- they also have 3 brains
Whales have 4 hearts
A butterfly has no brain, heart or pretty much anything!
A turtle has one heart, but beats four or five times after it has died!
The heart still beats a steady pace but it doesn't beat enough to keep it alive.
Blue whales have one huge heart.*



Dyson AO

Year 5, what a busy week you've all had ! Its been so lovely to see your amazing posts, and how many of you have taken your learning outside. Keep up your amazing work and have a brilliant weekend.



BANKSY RF

Hi Year 3, I can see you've completed another fantastic week of home learning. I have been amazed by the creativity and curiosity you have shown through the activities completed in the 'Show and Tell' posts. You are becoming scientists, cooks, mathematicians, artists, writers and engineers without even leaving your house. I'm excited to hear all about what you have been up to in person when we are all back in school together. Have a lovely weekend and I can't wait to see what you get up to next week.



ROWLING SM

Year 1, you have all been so very busy this week! It is fantastic to see that you are all still being very creative with your learning at home. It looks like you have been using the Whole School Google Classroom page to make and do some brilliant things!

You have impressed us all by showing all of your learning and creativity on the Show and Tell page. Here are some photos of just a few of the wonderful things that you have been doing at home.

Have a fantastic weekend everyone!
Miss Miller



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BANKSY GJ

Year 4, what busy bees you have been this week. It has been great to see your creative skills in cooking, art, crocheting and the many other things that you have done this week.

You have also been busy with your Google Classroom learning as well as looking at the natural world.

Please keep posting on the Facebook 'Show and Tell' page as we love to see all your fantastic work.

Keep up the good work and have a great weekend!



ROWLING LS

Year 2, well done for completing yet another week at home – you are all doing such a fantastic job. Whilst I miss every single one of you, I am pleased that you are safe at home and getting on well with your learning.



You have really impressed me with learning lots of new skills and completing so many things independently. Take a look at some of the activities you have been up to this week

Keep up the hard work at home and have a fabulous weekend!

Miss Stubbings 😊



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AARDMAN CD

Hello Aardman!

You have been so busy this week; making cakes, making repeating patterns, making books and calculating subtraction problems. It's great to see all of your work on Tapestry and Facebook. Well done! I hope you have a great weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Davies

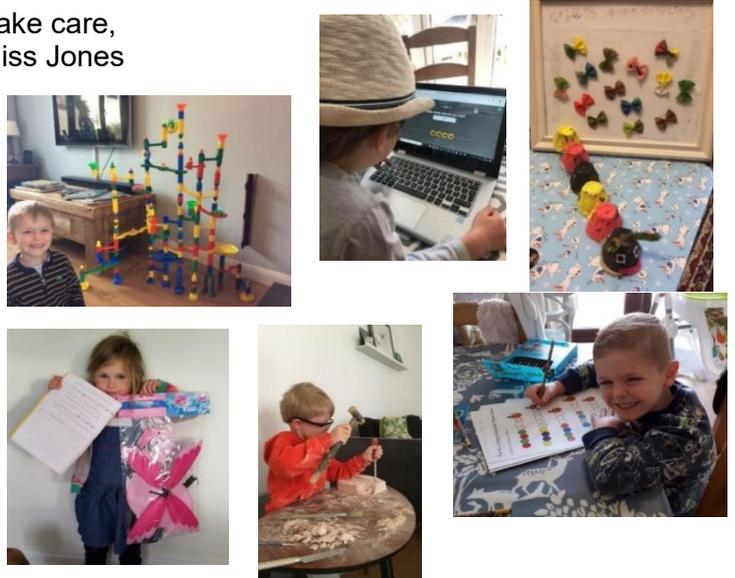


AARDMAN JJ

Well done Aardman for another super week!

You have all been so busy and its been lovely to see your amazing work! Keep up the great work! Hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Take care,
Miss Jones





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CSET challenges

Well done to everyone who has been taking part in the CSET challenges, especially in the Home X-Country League! I have been sent the results and it was great to see a few more names on the score sheet this week – so a huge well done to everyone who took part.

I am delighted to announce that Theo (KS1) secured 2nd place in week 2 of the cross country and Amy (KS2) secured 3rd place – congratulations!



Stay tuned to see next week's results!

This week on offer...

Check out the Whole School section on Google Classroom to find out more about these different activities.

- CSET French Challenge
- CSET Virtual Orienteering Science Festival
- CSET History/Geography Challenge
- Week 6 Weekly & Daily Challenges
- Alex's Challenge (a video of Alex completing the challenge is on their Twitter page @CSETSports1 from 15th May)
- Dean's Challenge

If you take part in any of these, we would love to hear about it on our Facebook 'Show and Tell' post, just like these below...



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Reading at home!

At Pucklechurch, we all love reading and hope that you are still remembering to read at home everyday. This could be on your own, with someone else in your house or even with your pet! Every week, teachers from across the school will be reading stories each week that you can listen to on the Whole school Google Classroom page. Next week, the following stories will be available:

- Wiffy Wilson by Miss Miller
- The Monkey Puzzle by Mrs Jones
- The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse by Miss Stubbings



We would love to keep seeing more pictures of you reading in your favourite places, so we ask that adults post pictures of this on a Facebook show and tell or you can email it to your teacher! We'll pick a few of the most unusual places to show in the newsletter each week!

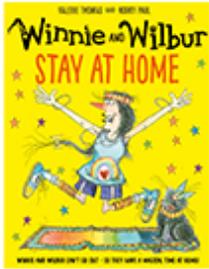


Staff Recommends:

If you're running out of books to read at home, parents can sign up to the Oxford reading tree website for free to access books online and each week we will recommend a book from there. This week, Miss Miller recommends: Winnie and Wilbur stay at home!

'I loved reading this book, it taught me more about our current situation and gave me some ideas of what I can be doing with my time at home!'

Please send your teacher a book review of whatever you're reading at home, we'd love to know what you thought!



Collins Big Cat Books

In order to access over 300 free ebooks, please go to Collins Connect and click on the Teach portal in the top right hand corner. Use the following information to sign in...

Username: parents@harpercollins.co.uk

Password: Parents20!

Then, click on Collins BIG CAT. This is the scheme that we use at school so you will be able to choose the band of reading book that your child is on and access a range of books at their level online.

We hope this helps!



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Support for Young People in South Glos

Something on your mind?

Call the School Health Nursing Team and have a confidential chat on:

01454 862 441

These phone lines will run until further notice, and will be staffed from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. For health information and advice about coronavirus, please go to the [NHS 111 website](https://www.nhs.uk) in the first instance.



Emotional Health
Anxiety/Low Mood



Healthy Eating/
Lifestyle



Anger, Family Concerns
Domestic Abuse



Dental Health.



LGBTQA
Relationships & Sexual Health
Friendships/Bullying



Sleep



Continence



Physical Health



Drugs, Alcohol & Smoking

Further Support:

<https://cchp.nhs.uk/cchp/explore-cchp/school-health-nursing/bristol-south-glooucestershire>

<https://www.otrbristol.org.uk>



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Online music lessons now available

South Gloucestershire Music Hub are now offering online instrumental lessons to help children continue to make progress whilst they are still mainly learning at home. These are individual lessons with one of their highly-skilled teachers, delivered through video conferencing. Lessons will take place during the day, at a time to be arranged between parents and teachers.

Lessons will be delivered over Zoom.

Due to Government furloughing restrictions, South Gloucestershire Music Hub cannot guarantee that these lessons will be delivered by your usual teacher. They are currently providing these lessons at a subsidised rate to support families through this difficult period.

For full information, to register and pay for lessons, visit www.integramusic.co.uk



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