

# WFH and other news - 28th April 2020

Hello all,

I hope this finds you well. A few 'bits' of information.

School will **NOT** reopen until it is safe to do so, we have had no information (or any dates or time frame) regarding any form of reopening from either national or local sources. There has been much speculation in the media regarding schools reopening but there are no plans for this yet (I will update you when there is, although you may find out at the same time as us !). We have been planning in school for a time when school does reopen with new, covered sinks being installed outside to allow for greater hand washing capacity and also for sanitiser dispensers around the school. We cannot change the fabric of our building or the size of rooms which would significantly impact on our ability to accomodate all of the children and ensure social distancing. More news will follow in due course .....

**Class teacher updates** - teachers have added a new curriculum update to the class page of your child. School website then 'children' tab then 'class pages' and the 'working from home' star. Teachers have set tasks on various platforms for your children as well as paper based work. New updates of work and ideas will appear every Tuesday.

Paper packs are available in the entrance hall of school, if you can safely get there. One per child (we will keep refreshing the pile). We understand that not every child has access to a printer or a computer each so just do what you can with the resources you have available.

**A message for your child** - teachers are working in getting resources for you and giving ideas. We know it is a bit different being at home but you need to keep practising certain skills (spelling, handwriting, tables etc) and be building up knowledge of other things. We expect you to be doing some work or you will find it harder when we return to school. Try your best and do some work everyday (we recommend the morning). Try something new, work on a project and don't give your parents a hard time ! Be kind, be thoughtful and be responsible.....

**Virtual School Games** (the following is a message from Stride Active who organise the Herefordshire School Games and other competitions the school participates in. There is an attachment with the schedule of events. No obligation to do this and probably not the right weather this week but have a go if you wish.

The aim of the competition will be to run various School Games challenges that can be completed at home and earn each school the chance to be Herefordshire School Games winners.

I have attached a brief outline of the schedule over the coming weeks as well as links to our Facebook & Website page where instructional videos and scoring systems will be available when the first event launches on Monday.

All you need to do is encourage your child to have a go at an appropriate event, ask the parents/themselves to score the attempt and if possible video it.

They need to email you the score and video / post the video direct to facebook (tagging @strideactive1 in) or twitter (tagging in @stride\_active).

**PLEASE INCLUDE** [admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk) in any entries you send in as Mr Hutton will add up all of the scores and divide it by our number of entries (this is how they make it fair across all the schools with a wide range of numbers).

Stride Active will then work out the top three schools and announce the winners on our social media pages. Winners will receive a FREE guaranteed place at one of our multiskills events next year along with a Gold E certificate and 5 School Games T shirts. 2nd & 3rd for each event will receive a Silver & Bronze E certificate.

By entering the competition you will receive a participation certificate and be able to work your way through the various levels for entering each different sport/activity, starting at Bronze and potentially finishing with Diamond by the end if you completing all of the challenges!

Obviously you all want that Diamond E certificate, but the benefits of teamwork, determination, passion, honesty, self-belief and respect will come to fore through the various competition stages. We want to create some competition that helps in the way that competitive sport develops the many quality attributes we all want our young people to show.

Please head over to the website/facebook/twitter pages for more info.

### **Posters for the hospital -**

Inspirational and 'thank you' posters that we have received already are on their way to The Nuffield Hospital to keep people inspired and to brighten up the walls. Please keep them coming or send one in if you haven't done one yet.

Have you worked out the the school adults who are reading on the film on Madley TV ? Answers at the end of the week and a new challenge. Send us your photos of 'stealth' reading.

Thank you to everyone for all of the updates, work and messages. They all get passed on to the right people and teachers will give general response on their curriculum updates. Keep them coming .....

Take care and best wishes

Mr Batstone

### **Attachments**

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