

CORBYP OLD VILLAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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As we find ourselves in a national lockdown again, we would like to let you know that we are here to support you and your child's learning in any way that we can.

School is currently only open to children of key workers and vulnerable children and all other children must remain at home and complete the online learning being set by their class teachers. If you have any trouble accessing this work, please let the school office know by emailing office@covs.northants.sch.uk and we will offer an alternative solution.

We will be contacting children who are staying at home regularly by telephone so please can you make sure that you let us know if you change your telephone number.

We have been made aware of some useful home learning tools which are listed below. If you come across anything that may be useful to other families, please let us know.

BBC TV Education

Every weekday morning, the BBC will be broadcasting three hours of primary school programming on their CBBC channel. These programmes will include BBC Live Lessons, BBC Bitesize and other educational programmes such as Our School, Celebrity Supply Teacher, Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and many more.

You can always record the episodes to watch later in the day.

Sky TV

Sky TV have set up a selection of programmes to help with home learning. If you have Sky TV, go to your 'Home' page to see the 'Learning at Home' section. Programmes are broken down in to age related sections.

Free School Meals

The government have announced that the national food voucher scheme will be started again next week for children who are entitled to benefits related Free School Meals and are not currently attending the key worker provision.

As soon as we are able to, we will request vouchers for all eligible families from the provider, Edenred.

The links to these vouchers will be emailed directly to parents from Edenred so if anyone has recently changed their email address and have not yet notified us, please contact office@covs.nortants.sch.uk.

We will text all eligible families once we have an expected date for these vouchers to be sent out.

If there is a delay in these vouchers being sent, food parcels will continue to be offered until the vouchers become available.

Daily Teams Meetings

Starting on Monday, class teachers will be giving a short daily briefing to the children who are learning at home, via video call on Teams. These calls will be for children in Years 1-6 only and Reception will continue with their daily Tapestry updates.

During these calls, teachers will explain the work for the day and will be able to answer any questions that the children may have.

To access the calls, your child must be logged into their Teams account. A notification will appear on the screen at the time of the call and you will see the option to join the call. Click on this and you will then be able to see your child's class teacher on the screen. We are working on being able to disable the camera function for everyone apart from the teacher but if this is not resolved by Monday, please can you make sure that your camera is switched off. We do ask that this call is not used for the children to chat to each other, so please ensure that your microphone is muted unless your child needs to ask their teacher a question. They can let their teacher know that they have a question to ask by pressing the 'raise hand' icon on the screen. When the teacher confirms that it is their turn to talk, they must unmute their microphone,

These calls will take place throughout the morning every day, and are live. They will not be available to watch at a later time/date.

The timetable for the calls is below:

Class	Time
Unicorn	9:15
Pegasus	11:00
Griffin	9:50
Centaur	10:15
Dragon	10:30
Phoenix	10:00

Lockdown Rules

We recognise the majority of our families are adhering to the lockdown rules and doing their best in difficult and troubling times. As numbers are rising rapidly in Corby everyone should stay at home and behave as though they have the virus to stop the spread. You should only leave home to:

- Visit shops for necessities.
- Go to work if you are a critical worker.
- Exercise with your household (or support bubble), this should be limited to once per day, and you should not travel outside your local area.
- Seek medical assistance or avoid injury, illness or risk of harm (including domestic abuse).
- Attend education or childcare – for those eligible.

On a positive note

Thank you for another fantastic week of engaging with home learning, staying home and doing your part in keeping everyone safe. Together we will get through this.

Star of the Week

We will be continuing with our Star of the Week celebrations throughout lockdown. Our Stars of the Week for the last two weeks are:

W/C 4th January

Pixie - Peyton
Unicorn – George
Pegasus – Weronika
Griffin – Chantel
Centaur – Mia
Dragon – Jack
Phoenix – Lucas O

W/C 11th January

Pixie - Ryan
Unicorn – Keegan
Pegasus – Lyla
Griffin – Nicole
Centaur – Emily
Dragon – Sydney
Phoenix – Morgan

Well done to all of the children!

Safeguarding

If you ever have any concerns regarding the safety and wellbeing of our children, please contact the school and ask for Miss Thomas or Mrs Lowe (Designated Safeguarding Leads)