

CANNON PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents/Carers,

This is our last week of Remote Learning before the children all return on Monday 8th March. I am sure you are all delighted with that good news! On behalf of all the staff at Cannon Park Primary can I say a huge well done to you, for all your hard work and efforts in supporting your child/children with Remote Learning. Thank you and well done!

You will receive a letter this week detailing the expectations and guidelines for the reopening of the school to ensure we all return safely.

Remote Learning

During this last week may I remind you that all children will be able to meet virtually with their teachers every day on Google Meets. Please refer to our website under the 'Learning' tab and then select 'Google Meets' for more information on timings. Also, please refer to the '5-star' document, which all children can use to keep track of their learning each day. Parents may find it helpful as a way of supporting and praising their children. This is not a mandatory document but it has proved helpful in supporting children while they are learning at home. Thank you for your continued support.

Go Parks

"I want to say a huge THANK YOU to all of our families and members of staff who have supported Cannon Park in the Go Parks Active Challenge. From scanning on your daily walks to talking part in the weekly flash challenges, it really has been a wonderful team effort! I hope you have enjoyed getting out and exploring your local areas. Although the challenge will end on Sunday 28th February it is still important to make sure you are getting lots of fresh air and exercise, so keep it up!" Mrs Amphlett

Safer Internet Use

Gentle reminder - If you need support, please visit: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internetday/safer-internet-day-2021/i-am-educator/saferinternet-day-films/films-parents-> and by clicking this link, you will have access to a collection of short videos which give parents and carers top tips for online safety and how you can help with trust online.

The Masked Reader

To celebrate World Book Day while we can't be together, 15 members of staff have disguised themselves before letting you know which book they will be sharing with you all next week. Head to your Google Classrooms to watch the video and then complete the form with who you think is behind each mask. Happy guessing! Unmaskings will begin at 10am on Wednesday...

Celebrating our Learning

Reception

What an exciting week Reception had last week, following our school values fantastically well. They have made a great start to this term and Mr Wilson and Miss Roberts have really enjoyed the 'live daily phonics lessons' and have been so impressed with the uptake and quality of engagement. They children enjoyed the story of "Naughty Bus" and took their cars on adventures around the house and garden, as well as making their own roads, towns, maps and buses. They learned how to cross the road safely, conducted a traffic survey and undertook a week long project on London – where 'Naughty Bus' lived. They have taken part in some wonderful subtraction work, where they have squished playdough, fed cookies to monsters and dropped people off a bus, and told some great subtraction stories.

We are so proud of everyone in Reception, and it was been a pleasure to see and comment on their fantastic work last week, love Mr Wilson, Miss Roberts, Mr Cotton and Mrs Smith.

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Year 1

Wow! Once again Year 1, we are incredibly proud of the amazing learning you all shared with us last week. It was so much fun to see so many of you on our 'Google Meet' enjoying the scavenger hunt and joining in with phonics so enthusiastically in our daily meets. We have seen you use your maths skills to represent and reason with numbers up to 50. It was fantastic to see you create your boats for the boy and the penguin in our story 'Lost and Found' during our English lessons, with amazing adjectives and verbs to describe them! It has been great to see you continuing to use the split diagraphs that you have learned this week in your writing too! Fabulous phonics Year1! We really enjoyed the history work you all shared with us, in which you found out about where and how we buy toys and comparing it to where and how your Grandparents bought their toys too! We are so proud of you and want you all to know that you are all AMAZING! Well done Year 1! We miss you all so much and cannot wait to see you all again during our daily 'Google Meets' this week!

Miss Swain and Miss French.

Year 2

WOW Year 2, last week we had another week of wonderful learning from our class of SUPERSTARS! .Throughout remote learning I have been blown away by your commitment and dedication to your learning. Your Cannon Park Values have shone through in everything that you have done and it is lovely to see that they are such an important part of you all even when you are not in school. I can't thank you and your parents enough for keeping working so hard and sending in all of your brilliant work! THANK YOU!

Last week, we focused on reading in our English lessons and practised lots of skills needed to be great readers. In maths, we were learning about arrays and repeated addition which will really help when learning about multiplication. In key skills we were using apostrophes, this is a tricky punctuation mark but you were all amazing! We also had lots of great work in RE, Geography, Music, Science and PSHE. In our Google Meet we were thinking about what we are looking forward to when we are back at school. I think it safe to say that the overwhelming response from you all was that you can't wait to see your friends. I know you have missed each other terribly but it won't be long now before we are all back together. I can't wait!" Mrs Amphlett and Miss Delargy

Year 3

A very big well done Year 3. Miss Softic and I are so proud of the way that you have settled back to your Remote Learning after half term. You've all shown fantastic discipline. I've been so impressed with the wonderful maths learning you have done on measuring length; the super writing about non-chronological reports; the enthusiastic scientific investigation of magnetism; the enjoyment of our music lessons; and the inquisitive research of famous Ancient Greeks. It has also been great to see you all on our weekly Google Meet and to help some of you on our daily Help Desk sessions. Miss Softic and I can't wait to see all in a week's time. Until then, keep up your hard work with your Remote Learning. Best wishes Miss Softic and Mr Kelley

Year 4

Well done to Year 4 for another fantastic week of learning. You have impressed us once again, not only with your discipline but with your determination and support for one another. You have really pushed yourself with work on fractions this week and I have really enjoyed reading your writing. You have thought about Holy Week in RE, made pan pipes in science and become historians and archaeologists by looking at Anglo-Saxon artefacts in your history work. It was so good to see your faces again in our Google Meet, where we thought about our value of Integrity and you shared some Q&As of your own. The upcoming week is our final week of remote learning before we return to school and it's definitely going to be a good one. It is Science Week and World Book Day, so keep your eyes peeled for some fun activities. Miss Ashby and Mrs Kailey

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Year 5

What a great start to the new half term, Year 5. Once again you have impressed us with your enthusiasm for learning and your discipline. We think you are wonderful!

It was lovely to see you on our Google Meet on Thursday. We had fun doing Miss Cleveland's quiz! We also thought about where we have travelled to in a book and how we show the value of enjoyment. In maths we continued to learn about fractions and in English we have been finding out about the Titanic and writing a letter. In science we have been finding out about materials and their properties. In RE we have been thinking about why Coventry Cathedral is special and in history we have located Ancient Egypt on a timeline and found out how the pyramids were built. Another busy week!

This week is our last remote learning week before we return to school and it's going to be a great week. It is Science Week and World Book Day, so look out for some fun activities!

Year 6

Well done Year 6. What a fantastic way to begin the new half-term following a much-needed break from your computer screens. Miss Rowberry and I have been so impressed with the discipline you have all shown, ensuring that our engagement has continued to be as high as it ever has been – up to 22 of you have been continuously submitting Maths, English and other curriculum work. I want to thank you once again for the maturity you have all shown in terms of your conduct on the Google Classroom, you have supported one another, engaged with our Google Meets sessions and have made it a wonderful environment for us all to learn, well done. Our space topic continues next week so I hope you are all looking forward to producing more space-themed writing and I cannot wait to see your NASA rover robot designs. It is also Science week and World Book Day on Friday 5th March so stay tuned on the Google Classroom for activities linked to these occasions. Let's all keep up the hard work as we begin what we all hope will be our last week of remote learning prior to our return to class – Mr Young & Miss Rowberry.

Support and Learning Reminders

Google Meets

Each year group has a daily slot to join a meeting with their teacher who is available to offer support. There is also a weekly meet for each class for pupils to join so they can meet up with their peers and friends. If you are unsure when the meetings are, then look on the school website under the title Learning - Google Meet and you will be able to see the day and time of each meeting.

<http://www.cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk/google-meets/>

Bug Club

All the children should be reading regularly and logged on to Bug Club. If you go to our website you will see the information provided to support children to log on and to inform them of all the activities available for them on the site.

<http://www.cannonpark.coventry.sch.uk/bug-club/>

Lateral Flow Tests for staff

In line with government guidance, our school staff are taking part in 'Staff Covid Testing', which started on the 25th of January. All adults working within our school will be offered the opportunity to take a Lateral Flow Test (LFT) at home twice a week; the testing regime aims to reduce transmission of COVID-19 by early identification of asymptomatic carriers of the virus. Testing is not compulsory, and will not replace any of our robust protective measures that are already in place to keep our schools safe – HANDS -FACE-SPACE.

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These tests produce a result in 30 minutes which will indicate whether a staff member, with no symptoms, is either negative or maybe positive for Covid. If a positive test result is received then the staff member and close contacts are required to self-isolate whilst the staff member and close contacts are required to self-isolate whilst the staff member undertakes the PCR test to confirm if the individual is positive for COVID (undertaken at the testing centres).

Should a member of staff receive a positive lateral flow test and they have been in contact with your child in the prior 48 hours, then your child will be asked to self-isolate whilst the PCR test is undertaken. Should a negative PCR test result be received, we will welcome your child back to school as soon as possible. Should the test be positive then your child will need to follow self-isolation rules for ten days from their last contact. We will inform you as soon as we can in these circumstances and confirm the dates involved. Your child will need to be collected promptly from school.

Please be reassured that there are no indications that pupils in primary schools will be asked to undertake these tests, this is purely for school staff.

Lateral Flow Tests for pupils

The LA are pleased to let you know that from Thursday 18th February we are extending our Lateral Flow Testing (LFT) Community sites to be able to test children and young people from age 2. **They are urging all parents and carers to take their children and young people for a COVID-19 test at a LFT site every week if they are not accessing this in school.** In the first instance where you have a child currently attending onsite provision in an early years setting, nursery class or primary school, please can you take your child for a test **before** their return to school (week commencing 22nd February). **You only need to contact the school if your child tests positive.**

Information on the location of LFT Community sites is available at

<https://www.coventry.gov.uk/lateralflowtesting>

Illness in school

Can we remind parents that any child who has any symptoms related to COVID must not be sent into school.

These symptoms include:

- High temperature
- a new, continuous cough
- Loss of taste/smell

To reiterate—If we do have children experiencing these symptoms in school, we will contact families ASAP.

Children will be asked to be collected from school. Families will also be advised to book a COVID test and share the results of this with the school.

COVID Testing

If your child shows any symptoms linked to COVID19 we will ask that you take them for a COVID test.

Until you have a test outcome the government recommends that the family should isolate. This means that siblings of symptomatic children who have undergone testing should not be in school. If a negative result is returned, then the children can return to school. We ask that families communicate test results with the school ASAP so that we can support the individual and the whole school community.

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Stay safe,

V. MacDonald

Mrs V. MacDonald
Head Teacher