

# Harestock Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers,

## Remote learning:

Thank you to everyone at home who has now ensured the device accessing the zoom calls has your child's first and last name displayed. The teachers have daily lists of children in school so are only allowing children to access the zoom session if they are at home.

Please may I remind you, again, that only your child can use the link / password to gain entry to their class zoom; no one from a different class or other people should be accessing a different class zoom, unless they have prior permission from the class teacher.

We still have a **printer donated** to the school to give to someone. It is a HP Deskjet 3050A. Please contact the school office if you would like this.

## Oak Academy Virtual School Library

<https://library.thenational.academy>. This week's 'Author of the Week' was Konnie Huq. Listen to *Cookie and the Most Annoying Boy in the World* by Konnie Huq for free, watch an exclusive video and find out her fave children's books.

## CBBC schedule

Here is the link to next week's CBBC full broadcast schedule for primary schools,  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/learning-at-home-supporting-teachers/zkfr92p>

## School lunches in school

Next week the children will be able to choose from the 'Streets' menu— see attached.

## Website

Parts of our website, especially the curriculum pages are under review. However, please keep your eye on the school website, under the school/class blog tab then in the school blog specifically (within the class blogs), as this is where we post new resources made available to use from other providers for use at home. This may be helpful to you.

## Safer Internet day Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February

All the children in school took part in different activities on Tuesday to promote awareness of internet safety. This year the focus was about the reliability of information that you read online and whether you would 'trust it' or 'check it'. Children in Years 1 and 2 made posters promoting online safety. In Years 3-6 they took part in quizzes around the theme. The fake news quiz was particularly popular and we hope that you took the time to have a go at home and discuss the issues as a family to increase awareness.

## School Games daily challenges

The Daily Challenge continues, as they want to keep up the momentum they have built up and keep our young people active.

All the challenges are on the Link below.

General:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pF\\_Pqks83EXA0wTEv0Ewv0FJQISUS7\\_?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1pF_Pqks83EXA0wTEv0Ewv0FJQISUS7_?usp=sharing)

Inclusive:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1HcWEnWfUbYj8hAO2p7pQffdEYiojKwOV?usp=sharing>

After Half Term, the Challenges will continue with each week having a different theme. They shall be looking to do activities connected with: Empathy Week, World Book Day, Commonwealth Week, STEM Week, Theatre Week and a Family Challenge Week near Easter. The Challenges will still be in place even if it is decided that schools can reopen.

#### Event tomorrow

The Winchester Sport Art and Leisure Trust has been organising an annual children's festival every February for the past 5 years. 2021 would have been the 6th year of the Children of Winchester Festival (COWfest). However, due to COVID-19, they can't hold an in-person event this year, which is a great shame.

They didn't want local children and families to miss out completely, so they've put together a mini-programme of online activities, as a kind of COWfest "lite".

There will be live workshops this Saturday, 13th February, and pre-recorded activities available throughout half-term – all via [cowfest.org.uk](http://cowfest.org.uk). Everything is accessible for FREE or by donation. Please see the attachments.

#### INSET reminder

We have changed our next INSET from Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May. There is NO INSET on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

We hope all children will return to school as soon as possible, when it is safe to do so for everyone. As lockdown continues and cases continue to fall in the Winchester area, I will keep you updated. Please see the following link if you need further information regarding the different Winchester areas. The Hampshire County Council COVID pages provide data on district levels that is updated daily. This is public information and consistent in its source.

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/publichealth/jsna/covid19-data-and-intelligence>

I only know new information at the same time as you, via the government briefings on TV or reading the press. The government are making an announcement about schools on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

All the staff at school are very grateful for everything parents are doing at home to support children with their learning. Thank you. Please enjoy a screen-free half term as much as possible, especially the children. There is always daily reading, spelling / key word practise and number bonds / times table practise if your child does need something. There will be no daily zoom calls and no work uploaded to Purple Mash until Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J. Sankey