



Holy Name

Catholic Primary School

"With Jesus as our guide; we love, live and learn together."

Home Learning Weekly Parent Update No. 5 – 12.02.21

Dear Parent

We have ALL made it to the end of the half term! I would like to thank you on behalf of all our staff. Your support towards our wonderful pupils has been amazing and the engagement at home has been fantastic. We have been so impressed with everyone's efforts so please enjoy a well-deserved break from school this week!

If you are looking for some ideas that you can do at home, which do not cost much, please click the link below:

<https://www.moneysavingexpert.com/team-blog/2020/04/free-or-cheap-ways-to-entertain-kids-indoors/>

Miss Villers has also set an art competition, which has been attached to this email - please encourage your child to participate for the chance to win a prize!

Whatever you do during this half term break, please take some time for yourself and continue to stay safe.

Live Teaching Update:

The live lessons have made a huge difference to the interaction our teachers can have with our children. 100% of our children have really enjoyed the trial and have found it useful.

It has enabled our pupils to:

- receive quality teaching and instructions to complete their tasks. One pupil commented: "It is helping me seeing my classmates and helping me do the work and understand more."
- ask questions during the lesson if they are unsure,
- socialise with their peers and provide a little bit of normality for them.

Hopefully, this has been a welcome break for parents at home too!

We have also received wonderful feedback from our parents, which we are always grateful to receive:

"I just wanted to let you know how much of a difference having the live English lesson has made on [redacted] attitude towards learning. [redacted] has got on and completed every task with no drama or tears. It has made such a difference to the household :)"

"Thank you for the smoothly run live lesson from Miss Doody today. It worked perfectly from start to finish and has really helped [redacted] [redacted] loved it and especially liked that you could put your hand up to ask questions. Well done to all that have helped set this up."

"I would like to say a big Thanks! for the live session on teams. As parents I felt this is will help [redacted] as I am usual trying to help with some of the work. So having this session with really benefit [redacted] (and me)."

"Assembly: 10/10 today from start to finish."

From **Wednesday 24th February**, we will also be providing live English lessons for **Y1 – 6**. (Y1 will be phonics).

Y3 & 4 will continue with live lessons from Monday 22nd February.

On **Fridays** Y1 – Y6 will participate in a class assembly and a PSHE lesson which will be an opportunity for the class to socialise.

Live Lesson Times:

Please note your child's **LIVE lesson slot which can be accessed via Microsoft Teams:**

Monday - Friday Live Lessons / Assembly	Time slot
Y1	09.00 – 09.45am
Y2 & Y3	10:45 – 11:45 am
Y4 & Y5	09.00 – 10.00am
Y6	10.00 – 11:00am

We know that some pupils may have difficulty accessing their lesson if they have a sibling in another class. We have done our best to accommodate the classes for most of our siblings, but this is not possible for everyone. If your children are sharing a device, please contact school using this email address to see if we can provide assistance:

technical.support@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk

Live Lesson Consent (Y1, 2, 5, 6):

For our live lessons we require further consent as the **live lessons will be recorded** to enable pupils who cannot join 'live' to access the lesson at a time which is convenient for them.

If you would like your child to be able to participate in our Live Lessons, please read the information below:

- The recording will show the teacher and the teacher's screen within the classroom.
- There will be times when the pupils participating via teams will appear on the screen if they are sharing a response / the screen shares the participants.
- The recording will sit within the class channel for other pupils to watch back if they have been unable to participate.
- The recording cannot be played to anyone who is not a member of the class.

Please complete this form to indicate whether you are / are not providing consent:

[**LIVE LESSONS CONSENT FORM**](#)

If you would like to discuss this further before consenting, then please contact me by emailing:

technical.support@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk

Polite Reminders for Live Lessons:

- Please be aware that pupils will only be 'admitted' to the live lesson if **consent has been given PRIOR** to the lesson.
- Please ensure your child **arrives to the lesson around 5 minutes BEFORE**, to ensure they can be let in. Pupils **will not be admitted** if they are late.
- The lesson is **only for the pupils to communicate** with their teacher. If parents wish to discuss something then an email should be sent to the class teacher. If a parent or pupil does not observe the rules set out in the agreement ([link here](#)), you will risk your child from being removed from the lesson.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Reading:

In English for Y1 - 6, we teach using a class text. This half term it has been tricky for the children to follow the text we have been reading as we have needed to upload PDF's. To make it easier and more enjoyable for pupils next half term, we thought it would be useful if we shared the books that we will be learning about so that you can order these at home, if you are able to.

Year	Book Title and Author <i>(click the book for a direct link – other suppliers are available to order from)</i>	Price
Year 1	Dogger by Shirley Hughes	£6.54
Year 2	'The Owl and the Pussycat' by Edward Lear	£5.94
Year 3	The Flower by John Light	£5.99
Year 4	The Pied Piper by Michael Morpurgo.	£6.55
Year 5	Holes By Louis Sachar	£4.99
Year 6	Wonder by R.J Palacio	£5.00

Please contact your child's class teacher (yx.homelearning@holyname.sandwell.sch.uk - *swap the x for your child's year group*) if you are unable to afford the book / are experiencing difficulties so that we may support you with alternative arrangements – we will do our best to help!

Please also remember to **submit your child's online reading record** to your child's class teacher so that we can make a record of how many times your child has read at home and can award stickers on bookmarks.

If you require the Oxford Reading Buddy information, please [click here](#). Or view our website under 'Home Learning' and click "HOW TO ACCESS OXFORD OWL EBOOKS"

Internet Safety Week:

This week was internet safety week. The children have all participated in a lesson to learn more about keeping safe online. We hope these have been beneficial.

Now, more than ever it is important that we are all educated in ways to keep our children safe online.

Please take a look at the school website page: **Home Learning > Online Safety Advice** or by clicking the link below for some useful guides and support:

<https://www.holynameprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Safety+Advice&pid=1291>

Last week was also Mental Health Week and we have updated our website with some useful tool kits that may offer you some advice to support your child's wellbeing during this time:

<https://www.holynameprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Wellbeing+Support&pid=1294>

I hope that you are all continuing to stay safe and well and can't wait for the time when we can see all our children back in school again.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E Chapman', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs E. Chapman
Deputy Headteacher