



Maney Hill Newsletter

20th March 2020

Dates for your diary

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Dear parents and carers

We've had an extraordinary week. On Friday schools across the country will close for almost all children. Currently we are planning for a twelve week shut down of schools but as with much recently, things are rapidly changing. Nonetheless, as a staff we will work hard to support the children and families at home as well as the small number of children from key worker families who will be in school whilst parents work to keep us safe and well.

The teachers have provided a wide range of learning activities on our **Home Learning** with Google. **On Friday afternoon from 1.30pm until 3.20pm, parents can come to the classroom door for each child to collect the log in details and resources.** For parents unable to collect from school please contact us as soon as possible at the school number or email.

From Monday the school will provide **childcare for the children of key workers.** To qualify, both parents must be key workers, or one parent if a single parent family. We will offer childcare to cover the parents working hours only. **If you have not yet completed a form to request a place, please contact the school office asap.**

As the Headteacher during challenging times my priority is to ensure the health and wellbeing of the Maney Hill staff. Please remember that the staff are facing considerable challenges with their own health and that of their families. They are dedicated professionals and I know that we can count on them to do their best. Thank you to all of our parents who have sent kind and supportive messages. We will work to support each other in the coming weeks.

Mrs Whitehead

Being kind to yourself

The next few weeks are going to be challenging for us all. As parents you may now be faced with caring for and trying to educate your children full-time. Some of you will also working from home and without the usual help being available from grandparents. All this whilst cooped up indoors.

Try to remember that the children are much more resilient than we think and they will soon bounce back.

Remember to make time for yourself and encouraging more independence in your children will do them no harm at all. In fact they will no doubt really enjoy it!

Learning at Home

We'd love to know how you organise learning at home.

**How do you timetable your day?
Please send in information about what you've been up to and every week we will include a selection of ideas, photos and activities that you have been taking part in.**

What's working well?

What are the challenges?

Let's share all our good ideas and support each other with ways to make Home Learning manageable and fun.

Send your ideas and photos of learning at home to:

enquiry@maneyhill.bham.sch.uk

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Home School Learning

Information for Parents

To support children and parents during the school closure, due to Coronavirus, we have used Google Drive to create a platform for 'Home School Learning'. This will allow your child to access school work from home.

1. To access Google Drive on a home computer, open a browser and navigate to: <https://drive.google.com/drive>
2. Sign in using your child's school email address and password. The email address is your child's year of entry, followed by their first initial and surname. For example:

Year 6

13asmith@maneyhill.bham.sch.uk

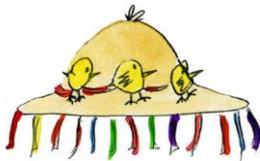
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The password for all children is **School123**

3. Once signed in, you will be able to access the shared drive **Home Learning**.
4. Open the **Home Learning** drive to access your child's class files.
5. Here there will be a range of activities for your child to complete at home. This will be updated on a weekly basis.
6. If you have any problems accessing the Home Learning drive, please contact enquiry@maneyhill.bham.sch.uk

Easter Bonnets



Felt, feathers and fluffy chicks at the ready for our Easter Bonnet competition! We invite all children in school to take part this year...

Please email school a photograph (including child's name and class) of your home-made bonnet by:

Wednesday 1st April

It will be wonderful to see your super creations, as always. All entries will feature in the weekly newsletter for the rest of the school to see and prizes for the winning entries will be distributed accordingly.

Tips for Home Learning – PE



Joe Wicks the Body Coach is doing a live workout specifically designed for children every morning at 9am Monday to Friday on his YouTube channel: The Body Coach TV.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/thebodycoach1>

This could be a fun and easy way to keep children active and entertained!