



22.01.21 - Bird's Bush Lockdown News



## Remote Learning

It is fantastic that so many of you are engaging in the live learning. We have 98% of children who are regularly completing their learning task and interacting with their teacher - WELL DONE!

Next week the Year 4/5 Bubble will be split into separate classes so that they can work with their own teacher every day and there will be less in each group. We will continue at the same time with live sessions now that you are in a routine, if you have children in year 4 & 5 then they can join either of the bubbles together, that's fine. Please make sure they join the class bubble team on Monday.

Please remember that in the live lesson the teacher cannot see all of the children all of the time. We always have 2 adults in the live session to help and children can always stay on after the input to talk to the teacher. Please remind children that the chat function is for learning chat only and not a social media platform.

Registers are taken at the first live session of the day. If your child is not in this session you may get a text message - just like if they were not in school. If siblings are on one device together please let the teacher know this so that they can all be marked as present on the register.

Please let us know if your child is 'absent' for any reason as remote learning is compulsory during this lockdown and we have to maintain the register. We do try to update the registers during the day if learning on Purple Mash is completed or if they join for a later live session however, being up and ready for the first session of the day is important.

The Remote Learning agreement has been shared with all of the children and is on the Teams Channel to refer to if you need to.

Sharing our learning:

Year 6 maths - <https://www.purplemash.com/displayboard/5ffe1c272ec75d35f208011b>

Year 6 internet safety - <https://www.purplemash.com/displayboard/5ffef0bf2e98492e7a3383eb>

Year 4/5 RE - <https://www.purplemash.com/displayboard/6001b938019d25799c0f1804>

Year 1/2 Science - <https://www.purplemash.com/displayboard/60059eeac6ac2045380ef98f>

**The Teams chat is not monitored at weekends - please remind your children that they should only be using the Team for learning - it is not a social media platform - Teachers will not be checking it outside of school hours.**

**Teams Tips:**

- If your child is struggling to concentrate on the teacher during live sessions, you can click the 3 dots by the teacher's name and spotlight them - this will only show them and not all the other children
- If your child doesn't have the chat function (it depends on the device) then they can write their answer on paper and hold it up to the camera
- If your child doesn't like being on the camera - turn it off, they don't need to show their face all of the time. We do like to see their smileyfaces but if it's causing anxiety it's fine as long as they are still taking part and listening
- We have had some issues with children being 'kicked out' of the live session, we are trying to sort of if this is a technical issue or if someone in the team is doing it - please remind you child that they should only use the chat for learning and only unmute if the teacher asks them to. They should use the hand up function only.



**IN SCHOOL LEARNING**

We are now close to capacity in some bubbles in school. Please only use us if you have no alternative - we want to keep every one safe - Children don't need to come everyday if you are part-time or you work shifts - we do need you to book the days you need in advance though.

Children in school are following the same learning as the children at home so that we are all at the same point when we come back together. They don't have as much time on devices to complete some of the Purple Mash or TTRS activities but they can always do this out of school if you want them to.

Year 4, 5 & 6 children in school will all be logging on the remote learning session with the remote learning children from next week. This has been successful for Y6 this week as it enables the children to access all of the same learning and teaching so that we are all at the same point when we return.

Please do not send children into school if they are unwell or if anyone in the household has symptoms.

### **Free School Meals**

If you have registered for Free School Meals vouchers then you should start receiving them from Monday 25th January. The national scheme is being delivered by Edenred, the same company as in the last lockdown. Please look out for an email from Edenred on Monday to redeem your voucher code online. All codes will come to the email address you put on your registration form.

If your child is attending school and you have opted for vouchers, you will need to provide a packed lunch each day as you cannot have vouchers and a free meal at school.

Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 will continue to receive Universal Free school meals in school if they are attending.

If you currently do not claim free school meals and your circumstances change, please speak to the school office to check your eligibility.

## BIRD'S BUSH CHAMPIONS!



**Caitlyn T Pride** - Caitlyn is always ready to learn and she has shown an excellent attitude towards her Purple Mash learning. She always responds well to feedback to improve her learning. She is a star!

**Lacey G - Motivation** - Lacey is always ready to learn and responds superbly to feedback. She has shared some brilliant knowledge this week. She is a superstar!

**Isabella A - Motivation** - Isabella is a home learning champion! She does all of the work set and takes part on the Teams sessions with motivation and confidence! Well done Isabella!

**Faith S - Pride** - Faith has really worked hard at school during this time, even when the work is hard. She can be proud of her work and her attitude! Keep it up Faith, we are all proud of you!

**Louie C - Confidence** - Louie is growing in confidence in school He is sharing fantastic ideas with his friends and the class.

**Lennon P - Motivation** Lennon is engaging really well with online learning. He is sharing great ideas in the chat boxes and working really hard at home. Well done Lennon!

**Fifley - Motivation** We have noticed the huge effort Fifley is putting in to his remote learning. He is ready each day and is completing all of the learning set. Good job Fifley.

**Brooke S - Organised** Brooke has been amazing in our bubble - she knows how our learning is organised from the start of the day to the end. She is ready for each and every lesson and helps her peers along the way. She has been fab this week.

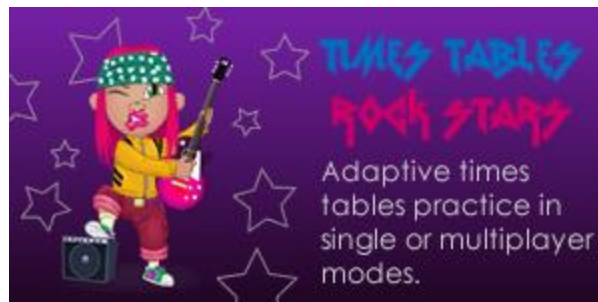
**Mylo B - Motivation** For fantastic home learning, particularly with his reading and writing!

**Eloise S - Safe** For adapting to our new routines and for trying her very best with her learning.

**Evie V - Ambitious** - Evie worked really hard on her science presentation on Marie Curie, even doing independent research to create an incredible presentation. Well done!

**Jackson T - Proud** - Jackson challenged himself in his maths learning this week with problem solving questions and has done an amazing job. Keep up the good work Jackson!

## Times Table Rock Stars!



Y2 – Isabelle Thompson

Y3 – Ruby Wain

Y4 – Georgie Gill

Y5 – Hannah Thompson

Y6 – Nikola Macugova

Y1 Numbots – Riley Taylor



1 - Denese Hill - Family Support Worker

*Denese is available for help and support during this time. Just drop her an email and she will be in touch.*

Looking for help or advice?

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## FEATURE ON:

### Home Learning Tips

#### Tips in a nutshell

- Create a schedule for your morning as you would usually have before self-isolation. Even better if you (Mum or dad) can get up early for some self-care time. It took me a month to get this in place and it has made a huge difference to my day. When Mum is happy, everyone benefits!
- Check the Team channel at 8.45 for the plan of the day, times of live session will be the same every day to help your routine.
- Include a regular break time.
- Healthy food – provide no/low-sugar snacks and stick to water. This is beneficial for behaviour, as the blood sugar spikes can really affect their focus and willingness to concentrate.
- Get them moving. If possible, get the kids moving for 10 minutes before school and definitely during breaks. Kids need to do gross motor activities (use their big muscles) so they can settle down to focus on learning activities. Jumping (trampoline, star jumps or a quick run) which helps with brain and emotions reset and see things rationally again.

- Use timers to set a reasonable amount of time for the child to finish their task. Self-motivated children may not need to do this, but sometimes they need help to focus on a task and having a timer really motivates to complete it.
- Limit screen time outside of learning. Kids get increased grumpiness with increased screen time.
- Don't take responsibility for task completion on yourself. The responsibility lies with your child. Trust your child's teacher to follow up and manage your child's learning, and keep in communication with them to see how you can support the teacher.
- Remember that you are just as important as your children. If you are working from home you will need to make modifications to your work schedule the first week or two. Focus on setting your kids up to work independently - it's easy to get frustrated and resentful when you are trying to work as well and the children are constantly interrupting or needing support.
- If you can't complete all the tasks, give yourself some grace. They will catch up.

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