



William Ford CE Junior School

Weekly Newsletter Spring Term 2 Week 2

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

Three more sleeps to go! We are so excited to be able to welcome back all pupils to William Ford. The vast majority of our pupils we have not seen since before Christmas and we cannot wait to see how they have grown, developed and matured during this period of closure.

Whilst this is an exciting time I do appreciate some pupils and families will be anxious about returning and adapting to a new routine along with concerns regarding safety. Please be assured we are doing everything we can to ensure the school site is safe. The vast majority of our pupils will now enter through the back (park) gate where social distancing is easier to maintain and to provide separation between William Ford families and Village Infants. It should be noted that our friends at Village Infants are also delighted by this measure. We are continuing to operate year group bubbles (outside) and class bubbles inside to limit the possibilities of any transmission. Staff members are being tested twice a week and we do ask that households also have regular testing to help prevent COVID-19 being brought into the school. We will also be taking a strong stance on illness and requiring a COVID test for any illness that could possibly be linked to COVID-19 including headaches, vomiting, diarrhoea, sore throats and runny noses. We will also be on hand to support any child who is feeling worried about returning to school and will support them as much as possible. We thank you for your support with helping us to achieve all of the above.

One thing that is for certain is that our COVID safeguarding measures will continue. Hand hygiene remains as important as ever and we do ask, in order to keep the whole school community safe, is that you continue to obey all social distancing legislation including limiting social contacts and not arranging birthday parties, playdates and sleepovers. We will ensure we catch up with children's birthday parties for the months of January to March before the Easter holidays to ensure these special days get the recognition they deserve!

New Arrival/Collection Arrangements		
Year Gp	Arrival	Collection
3	Between 8:45-9am Front Gate	3pm (Front gate)
4	Between 8:45-9am Back (Park) Gate	3:20pm (Back gate)
5		3:10pm (Back gate)
6		3pm (Back gate)



I am sure all parents are looking forward to the end of home schooling and for their children to be back in school with their friends and teachers. Can I take this opportunity to thank you all so much for your hard work and dedication in supporting your child's learning. The quality of the work that has been submitted is wonderful and already the team are working on a display in our school hall celebrating the fantastic achievements that have taken place during this very difficult time. We continue to ask for your support: listening to your child read, completing any homework and supporting with the learning of times tables but I am very pleased to say that for the bulk of the teaching, we are ready and ever so willing to take it from here!

I look forward to sharing with you next week many images and write ups of our first full week of schooling in 2021 but until then, I pray you have a wonderful weekend.


Mr. David Huntingford

Psalm 7:17
"I will give to the Lord the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the Lord, the Most High."





Meet our TEAM

This week: Miss Huckle

Miss Huckle has worked at William Ford for seven years and has three positions at William Ford. She cleans our school early in the morning, supports our children at lunchtime and supports in the classroom. Miss Huckle visits Florida annually as she loves Disney and Harry Potter.

Interesting fact: Miss Huckle is related to Danny Dyer



Kerry's Kook's Korner

Hey everyone! I've hijacked Kerry's Korner this week to bring all the information on our new school meals menu.

As you know school dinners are £2.10 per day for a two course meal and drink. Great value for money! We have made a few changes to parent pay and you can now pay a minimum amount £2.10 maximum £250.00. We do require all accounts to be in credit. We have a number of outstanding debts which need to be cleared by 9am Monday 8th March 2021.

Alternatively you should provide a home packed lunch if your parent pay is in debt and can not be cleared. Please contact myself or family support for any help or advice.

We have introduced three food options per day and a three week menu. We hope this will give the children a wider choice and hopefully a choice they like and enjoy. We've also added a lighter bite option in yellow for the children with a smaller appetite. Your child will order their choice of coloured meal each day in class as normal. Your child will receive a coloured wrist band to ensure they get the correct choice.



We will still be asking the children to eat in class until further notice. No year groups will mix whilst collecting meals and all items used are washed and sterilised every day and after every use.

Looking forward to seeing you all Monday!

IT'S WORLD BOOK DAY!



This week Maya Oros in 6N writes about World Book Day:



Thursday was World Book Day and the whole school participated in a range of exciting book activities. I really enjoyed these especially the staff reading a book of their choice to us in the videos. Some were funny and others had an unexpected twist! Inspired by Diary of a Wimpy Kid, we created our own comic strip based on real life comical events. We also made our own books that allowed us to express our own creativity and we made masks of our favourite book characters. Overall it was an entertaining and fun day!

Year Three Royal Ballet School



Year Three started their series of workshops with the famous Royal Ballet School this week. This included a variety of stretching, jumping and dancing moves, set to music. Our children loved getting to move their bodies along to live music performed by the Royal Ballet pianist. Other fun activities included trying to move their hands or feet to make an invisible box. It was quite tricky to make 3 corners of the box without wobbling over! We can't wait for next week's session on Monday after school.

Have you been wondering what your children were up to in school?

Well, wonder no more....



The children in school had great fun making masks representing book characters. We had a fantastic Mr Fox, Batman and two very impressive lions. The year four team would like to thank parents for their help with the children's online learning this term.

to answer that by describing where they are.

We are now finalising our plans for next week, preparing lots of great learning activities and are looking forward excitedly to seeing our Year 5 children returning to school on Monday.



We are really looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school next week.



Year Five

This week, we have been continuing with our new English unit focusing on persuasive writing, working towards writing a persuasive letter to the Mayor of London. The children have been learning about modal verbs and using them in an advert, then identifying persuasive techniques in speeches and finally joining and linking sentences using conjunctions and adverbs.

In Maths we have continued to work on fractions breaking down the whole number for subtracting, subtracting two or more numbers, then moving on to multiplying unit and non-unit fractions and then mixed numbers by whole numbers.

The children have been thinking about how following God can bring freedom and justice in RE. In our PE mindfulness lessons, we have been thinking about concentration and how we can divide our attention and in PSHE, we have looked at the effects of alcohol on our bodies.

In our Art Design for Purpose unit, we have looked at the work of the designer Morag Myerscough and how she used colourful shapes and patterns to brighten up the children's hospital in Sheffield. The children have started creating their own designs for a quiet prayer/reflective area in the school. In French, we have completed our School Life unit, learning how to ask where objects are in the classroom and how

Year Six

In this last week of lockdown, Year Six have continued to work hard on their home learning tasks. Having been introduced to the new RE topic of Sikhism, pupils have researched the Ten Gurus and have written an informative factual report about one of them. They have thought about the characteristics of this form of writing and have used subheadings to organise their writing into clear paragraphs. Maths lessons this week started with consolidating the pupil's understanding of how to work out the area of a parallelogram. They followed this by being reminded of what volume is and practised finding the volume of a cuboid. In continuing their historical studies of World War One, the pupils have looked more closely at the Assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand and how this caused the outbreak of the war. In art, the pupils brought their unit on photography to a close by following a brief and creating a series of photographs to meet it.

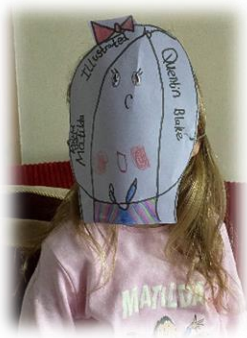
The pupils thoroughly enjoyed World Book Day on Thursday, writing comic strips, making and writing books, creating masks of book characters and



sharing books with other members of their families. We are looking forward to welcoming all pupils back next week.

Year Three

Year 3 have impressed us once again this week with their contributions to World Book Day. The books, masks, author biographies and other tasks they have completed have demonstrated their clear love of reading. We have completed our Maths unit of work on length and measurement and will be starting the tricky topic of fractions next week. On Monday, our pupils excelled during their after-school dance workshop led by the prestigious Royal Ballet School, and we eagerly await the second session next week.



Year Four

This week in English, we have used the text Cheat! to help us learn about diary writing. The children wrote a diary entry from the viewpoint of Danny as he considers his wrongdoing in stealing a painting and lying to his family. The children were also challenged to keep a diary of their own. In maths, the children have continued to work hard on the topic of fractions and will begin a new maths topic next week. Within geography, we have compared the two capital cities of London and Paris. Yesterday was World Book Day and the children participated in a range of book themed activities which they especially enjoyed. It was great to see the creative ways in which the children at home participated in these activities.



Year Three		
3A	Name: Kyle Bielec For: Crafting work that often shows thought and care	Name: Ifekitan Atunwa For: For demonstrating a genuine concern for her learning and approaches given tasks with a desire to succeed.
3D	Name: Somayina For: Her diligent work habits and exemplary behaviour	Name: Fola For: Being dedicated, hardworking and kind.
3M	Name: Natasha For: Her exemplary attitude to reading.	Name: Kebron For: Her artistic contributions to our World Book Day activities.
Year Four		
4A	Name: Mahim Rahman For: Always trying his best and completing tasks with great effort.	Name: Chris Nkansah-Kesse For: Working hard on every piece of home learning set.
4I	Name: Robert Dunas For: His hard work and dedication in maths.	Name: Malvina Boateng For: Her sweet nature in class and always asking for help when needed.
4R	Name: Joanna Jaison For: Her creative work she submitted for World Book Day. We loved her rabbit mask!	Name: Jason Graham For: His enthusiasm and curiosity in DT while baking cookies.
Year Five		
5B	Name: Lexi-Lee Thompson For: Continued hard work- especially in her maths- at home.	Name: Mation Gosturani For: Trying his best in his work from home.
5H	Name: Nathan Albarasin For: Continued application to his home learning and high quality work.	Name: Ali Mubiru For: For working really hard on his Maths in school and making a fantastic improvement.
5P	Name: Daniel Flora For: Continued high-quality work at home	Name: Kaila Gale For: Working diligently and purposefully at home
Year Six		
6H	Name: India Sharma For: Coming into school with a positive attitude every day.	Name: James McGovern For: Contributing well to all class discussions with great ideas and suggestions.
6L	Name: Lola Gale For: putting a tremendous amount of effort into her World Book Day activities.	Name: Maisha Nuha For: producing an interesting comic strip for World Book Day.
6N	Name: Henry Sams For: Working diligently at home and completing all tasks carefully.	Name: Logan Sparks For: Working exceptionally diligently and completing all home learning tasks.



Learning from Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, to work diligently, act generously and live at peace with everyone.

Psalm 34:14 - Seek peace and pursue it.