



Be the best you can be, every day

Newsletter

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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Well, we are now approaching the final week of this half term. This is the time, when in school, we usually begin to notice that the children are tired and motivation levels are at a low ebb, often commenting to each other 'the children need half term'. I say this, as I am sure this has been your experience at home this week so use the break coming up to put a hold on the home learning expectations and enjoy some down time in order to recharge the batteries.

As I said last week, we think you are doing a great job. We appreciate that at times it has been incredibly hard and, as a school, we have endeavoured to respond to parental requests and suggestions regarding aspects of our home learning provision. Thank you to those parents who have continued to communicate with us over such matters in a polite and respectful way, it has been greatly appreciated.

A recurring request from parents has been as to whether work can be uploaded the evening before, in readiness for the next day. We will continue to ensure everything is ready for the school day by 8.00am each morning. **However, teachers are going to upload as much as they can the evening prior to the new school day. We cannot guarantee that everything will be available.** Teachers are often preparing the assignments late into the evening, in order to respond to areas identified for further practise and consolidation once they have finished marking the day's assignments. We hope that this will help with some of the logistical challenges you have been experiencing.

Polite Reminder from FONDS

DON'T FORGET to order your "THIS IS ME" posters which we are running as part of Children's Mental Health week. All funds raised will be used to purchase books to support the children's emotional and mental health development.

Link to buy:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/fonds/index.cfm?event=products#.YBu9naTfULQ>

Message from Miss Preston-Heard

In August I'm going to take on the Three Peaks Challenge for the Royal Marsden Hospital. I will be climbing Ben Nevis (1344m) the Skarfell Pike (978m) and then Snowdon (3000m). That's a total of 3000m - all within 24 hours!

I know times are tough right now, but anything you could kindly give would be amazing.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/preston-heard>

Stay safe and well...

Message from Mr Webber...

Well done to all those children who participated in last week's PE challenges. There are some new activities this week below so enjoy and don't forget to send me any pictures or scores.
richard.webber@northdowns@surrey.sch.uk

Something a little bit different, possibly perfect if you have any children or families who are struggling to engage in the likes of Joe Wicks or Jump Start Jonny type activity sessions. From the team at "Laughtercise" comes 15-20 minute sessions through MS Teams - all links and info below to share/forward on as you see fit.

Here are the new session invite links through MS Teams (you can view through your web browser too).

The invites are set up as reoccurring.

Session 1 - Session designed for Reception & Year 1, but all ages would enjoy the session (Tuesday 9th February, 1.30pm-1.50pm)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Session 2 - Session designed for Years 2 & 3, but all ages would enjoy the session (Thursday 11th February, 10am-10.20am)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Session 3 - Session designed for Years 4, 5 & 6, but all ages would enjoy the session (Friday 12th February, 10am-10.20am)

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Virtual Cross Country - Surrey Schools Games

What: Walk / jog / run continuously for 10 minutes OR run a set distance of 1 mile (1.6 km)

Results: Parents should submit results to their school, who can collate them & send to Active Surrey

Certificates: Active Surrey will send certificates to all schools, to distribute to pupils and parents.

Additional Info: All activities should follow **Government Guidance** in response to COVID-19.



CROSS COUNTRY VIRTUAL SURREY SCHOOL GAMES

Let's keep active together

Can you?
Walk/jog/run continuously for 10 minutes
OR
Walk/jog/run 1 mile (1.6km)

@ActiveSchoolAS
#SurreySchoolGames

Note down your best time or distance each week

AS ACTIVE SURREY

Many thanks

Mr R Webber