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Newsletter

Dear Parent/Carer,

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude. I would like to thank the Hartburn Primary School community for all of your kind words of support during the last two very challenging weeks. Your lovely emails and comments at the gate really do mean so much.

Within 12 hours of digesting the Prime Minister's announcement to close schools on Monday 4th January at 8pm, Hartburn teachers had uploaded work to Seesaw to ensure learning and progress continued. Staff have worked tirelessly to prepare activities, provide individual feedback to all children, conduct telephone or Zoom calls and teach Bubbles in school; I want to say a huge thank you for their unwavering commitment to our school.

Remote Education Provision

We continue to follow government and Ofsted guidance. We will always reflect on current research and refine our remote education provision to suit the needs of our Hartburn families. The details of this offer can be found in the policies section of our website <https://www.hartburn.org.uk/key-information/policies/> Over coming weeks we look forward to increasing the provision of live zoom meetings, daily recorded tutorials and assemblies. We still await government funded devices but are proud to plug the gap loaning 20 Hartburn school iPads to families. Please contact school if IT resourcing is a barrier to home learning. We can also provide paper packs for collection on request.

Seesaw

It is an absolute joy to see the wonderful work the children have been producing across school. Their participation and positivity is just wonderful. Yet again, they have demonstrated incredible resilience. Seesaw is our preferred platform for remote education for many reasons including the facility of same day conversational written and verbal feedback which is so important for academic progress and emotional well-being. In addition, materials can be accessed at any time to suit the needs and routines of young primary age children.





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Please find attached Seesaw support for parents/carers. Our Facebook page also features a link to a video entitled 'An Introduction to Seesaw for Families'. If you need any further support with accessing Seesaw, please contact school via email: enquiries@hartburn.org.uk and your child's class teacher will be happy to help. We can also support you with ideas to help motivate your child and we can adjust provision accordingly if they find work too easy or too hard; please do get in touch.

Star of the Week

Each Friday we will issue a Zoom link on Seesaw for our celebration assembly at 9:15am. Children who achieve a Star of the Week Award and are not in school, will receive this certificate via post.

Staff and Pupil Safety

The Trust is still very concerned regarding the number of pupils accessing Hartburn Primary School during lockdown. If you are a key worker and can keep your child at home, we strongly advise you to do this to help reduce numbers in school to keep our school community both safe and indeed open to those that really do need it.

Free School Meals

Children not in school who receive 'benefit related free school meals' can collect a food parcel again on Monday morning from the office. Please ensure you have preordered this before 11am. From Monday 25th January, an Asda Voucher offer will be in place to replace the food parcels. We will contact eligible families with further details.

We hope you continue to keep safe and well. Thank you for your continuing support.

Kind regards,

Mrs Park

