

Tickford Times

1st May, 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Another week is over and it's promising to hear that we are past the peak of this awful virus. We still have no news yet about any plans for children to return to school but as soon as we do, we will share this information with you.

I would like to congratulate everyone on supporting home learning. The aim of home learning is to keep children practising the skills they have already learnt in school so they won't have forgotten these skills by the time they return. It also helps keep the children in some sort of routine and hopefully give you time to do the things you need to do whilst they are occupied with their work.

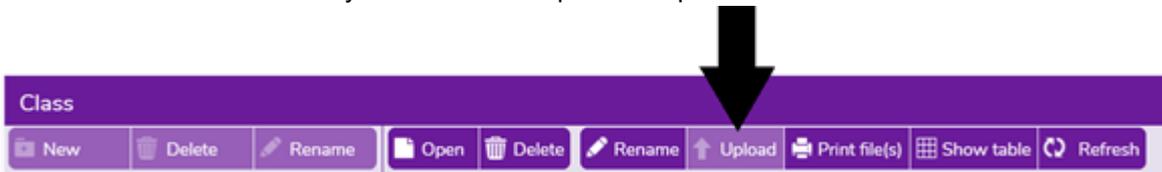
Sharing your child's work

Our teachers are receiving lots of emails now with children's work. For Foundation pupils, they can share their learning with their teachers through Tapestry. If children are in Year 4, please can you upload work to the class blogs. For all other year groups, please can we kindly ask that children's work is uploaded through Purple Mash:

Once your child is logged in on Purple Mash, you will see a yellow 'Work' folder at the top of screen.



Click on the Work folder and you will have an option to 'Upload'.



Now you are able to upload any piece of work or file that you have saved e.g. writing from a Word document, or a photo you have taken of the completed work. Your child's teacher can see all work that is saved in this folder. Please note that teachers are working very hard planning and responding to parents and children wherever possible. All the work will be seen by the teachers however, they may not be able to comment on every individual piece of work.

Year 1 – 6: Class Blog Registers

Please can you encourage / help your children to complete the register on their class blog each day. The teachers like to read their response to the question of the day. A reminder the password is **TPPS2020** for all blog pages

Google Hangout Meet for Year 4 and Year 6 Classes

Year 4 and year 6 have been trialing Google Hangout Meet in small groups with the teachers. It's been lovely for the teachers and the children to see each other. It would be nice to encourage the children in year 4 and year 6 who have not yet joined the meet to go along and say hi. It is purely a social catch up, for their teachers to say hello - all details can be found on the Blog page for Year 4 and Year 6. Other year groups may be invited to a google class hangout in the future.

Google Chrome

The easiest way for your children to access the resources is to logon to Google Chrome web browser, as it has all their resources saved. Just Sync and Link Data, here is a little help video from Miss Hall if you need help.

<https://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/latest-information/logon-on-to-google-chrome>

Mental Health and Well-being (Education Endowment Foundation)

One of the most important ways to keep mentally healthy is to have routine and structure, and to maintain a healthy sleep pattern. The Education Endowment Foundation (EFF) has produced a series of checklists to help parents and children manage their routines. Supporting home learning routines: Planning the day

https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf

SEN support

If your child has Special Educational Needs, Dave Matthews has set up a page on our website where you can find resources to support your child's home learning. You can also find it by clicking this link:

<https://www.tickfordpark.co.uk/sen-distance-learning.html>

Bereavement support

Many of us and our families have sadly been affected by the current pandemic. Some of us have lost friends and relatives due to the coronavirus or to other illnesses and the grief process has been greatly changed by the restrictions placed on our movements. Bereavement UK have updated their website and have resources to help support families during these difficult times. We are sharing their link with you but also want to remind you that we will also support you in any way we can. The resources can be reached by clicking on the 'support and information' tab on their homepage.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/>

Thank you

Thank you to Geoff, from Chartwells, sheltered accommodation. He donated a range of new children's fiction books for the children in school to read. This has been much appreciated by the staff and children in school.

Have a lovely weekend

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