

Tickford Times

29th January 2021

Pupils' Views...

What is the best thing about home learning?

"Having time for pancakes for breakfast and the morning Live Lesson."

– Tilly, Year 3

"Being able to work at my own pace."

– Harvey, Year 6

"Spending more time with my family and puppy!"

– Charlie, Year 3

"I've enjoyed the fact that we get to choose what order we do lessons in."

– Lucy, Year 6

What is the biggest challenge of home learning?

"Not seeing your teachers in person and not being able to ask questions about a piece of work."

– Freya, Year 4

"Trying to concentrate, especially with my little brother!"

– Jake, Year 3

"Starting work in the morning!"

– James, Year 5

"WiFi connection!"

– Cora, Year 5

What is your greatest 'home learning' achievement?

"That I've stayed positive and happy."

– Iysia, Year 6

"Being more independent and concentrating on my learning even when my cat is trying to distract me!"

– Euan, Year 4

School Meals: Payment

Payments for school dinners for those children who are not entitled to a free meal can now be made in the usual way, through the ParentPay facility managed by Chartwells.

Any meals that you have ordered this term will soon be added to your account. We will continue with the current system of ordering for the next few weeks; any meals you order through the school will be sent to Chartwells weekly so they can create a payment request.

If you have not paid for meals in this way before, please contact our Business Manager, [Louise Andall](#), who can help you to register.



In Foundation Stage, children have been learning about night animals. Here are some of their wonderful badger pictures.

Home Learning Top Tips

As you will be aware, many of us teachers are parents too! Here is some of our advice on getting the most out of home learning:

“I have a rough timetable which is flexible which includes a mixture of remote learning given by school, watching educational bitesize programmes, physical activity and some break times, including snack.

If my husband or I have a meeting or I know I need some time to work, I make sure to timetable in a snack or a programme for then.

We try to make sure that lunch time is at the same time with no devices or screen time so our brains can have a little break!

If I am busy and the children are stuck, I tell them not to worry, go onto something else and then we work on it together.”

Mrs Mistry

“My top tip is to write down your daily routine so it’s visual for you and your children to see. Knowing what’s planned for the day ahead can be encouraging.

Plan for regular breaks during home-schooling hours where you encourage your children to do an activity of their choosing – completing a puzzle independently or even playing a board game together.

Also, fresh air does wonders, even if it’s just for a 10-minute walk around the block or a short play in the garden! We’ve found that getting fresh air each day really lifts our mood and spirits!”

Mrs Goodman-Goult

Testing, Testing...



From next week, staff at the school will be taking Rapid Flow tests regularly which will add an extra level of safety to our school community. Thank you to the team for taking part in this initiative.

SEND Information Festival

Milton Keynes’ annual event for children and families with special educational needs and disabilities is going virtual for 2021.

The MK SEND Information Day is held annually and is typically attended by more than 500 people.

This year’s event, renamed the MK SEND Information Festival 2021, is taking place online and via video across three days instead of the usual one, starting on Thursday 4 February until Saturday 6 February.

For more information on this event, please see the event website, which can be found [here](#).



Headteacher Award winners – both in school and at home!

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