

## News and events from Northwold Primary School



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#### Letter to Children

Dear Children,

I hope you had a good Easter break and ready to start the summer term. It is going to be an unusual start to the term as we are still not back in school. However, it is important that you continue with your learning while you are at home. As of next week your class teacher will be putting your work on the website on your class page for you to complete weekly. The work will consist of lessons that you would be doing in your class. Please follow the timetable that was given to you in your home learning pack. It is important that you read daily, practising your timetables look up the meaning of new vocabulary and using them in your writing. I am looking forward to reading your book reviews, diary entries, poems and stories. I will be including home learning work in the weekly newsletter so please do send some of the fantastic work that you have been completing at home to your class teacher (please remember to get your parents permissions and support when sending your work to your teacher).

This term you will begin new topics in History, Geography, RE and Science. Most of these lessons will be supported by online resources.

We have tried our best to include examples and videos that you can use to support you in completing your activities while at home. However, if you get stuck or do not understand some of the work, please email your teacher. Your teacher's email address is on your class page. We are looking forward to seeing some of the amazing work that you have completed.

Remember your class teacher will be calling you to see how you are getting on and we are looking forward to hearing about all the fantastic things that you have been doing at home.

Stay safe.

Yours truly,  
Shelly-Ann Goulbourne



**Below is step by step guide to accessing your work on the website.**

- *Step 1- Go to Northwold Primary website*
- *Step 2- Click on School in the left hand corner in the green tabs*
- *Step 3- From the drop down menu click on Our Classes.*
- *Step 4 – Click on the class name to access the zip folder with all your work for the week or click on home learning schedule. Daily lessons are outlined in Shared reading, English and Maths. The other subject areas can be completed on any day during the week.*
- *Step 5- Complete the work in your exercise book*

## Coronavirus Guide for Children

Many children will be anxious or worried about the coronavirus outbreak and many will have questions about everything that is happening at the moment. The Children's Commissioner for England has put together a short guide to help explain to children, in a language they can understand, some of the issues surrounding coronavirus.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/cco-childrens-guide-to-coronavirus.pdf>



It has been one year since the Notre-Dame fire. Explore Mr Bolt's (teacher from Arbor Trust) blog to find out more about the architecture and the fire through videos, picture and activities. Please click on link below. <https://123mrbolt.edublogs.org/2020/04/15/architecture-notre-dame-fire/>

## Writing Challenge

### Acrostic Poetry

Acrostic poems are fun! The first letter in each line spells out a word. They do not have to rhyme, but the words should be carefully chosen for the best effect.

#### ALIEN

**A**wesome aliens have  
**L**anded on Earth  
**I**ncredible but true  
**E**veryone is flabbergasted  
**N**o one can see them but you!



Now try writing your own 'CORONAVIRUS' Acrostic Poem and add pictures too! Remember, the Coronavirus is NOT awesome.

**OR**

Do you believe aliens exist? What would happen if 'COVID-19' was a code name for a group of 'INVISIBLE ALIENS'?

Millions of them have landed on Earth and only children between the ages of 7 and 11 can see them and destroy them because they have a sixth sense.

However, you can only defeat them if you work as a TEAM with other children between ages 7 and 11 who have a sixth sense just like you. You must develop a secret code that the aliens cannot break.

Human survival depends on your success!

Now try writing your own story about how you plan to defeat COVID-19 and save the human race.

## Useful Websites

Disney 10 Minute Shakeups

Website: <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Key stages: early years foundation stage to key stage 2

Yoga-

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T\\_OP5grVoyg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T_OP5grVoyg) (EYFS and KS1)

British Red Cross

<https://www.redcross.org.uk/get-involved/teachingresources/kindness-calendar>

Phonics Play- <https://new.phonicsplay.co.uk/>

BBC History for Kids-

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>



### Free School Meal Voucher Update

Unfortunately there were some technical difficulties with the Edenred website and some parents experienced problems redeeming their vouchers after entering their e codes. We have heard that Edenred is working on resolving the problems and you should be able to redeem your voucher soon if you have not done so already. Once you redeem your voucher, you can use it at the main supermarket that you have selected. If you followed the step by step guide sent in the email to redeem your voucher and you are still having difficulties, please contact the school.

### Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health - Advice for parents during coronavirus

Whilst coronavirus is infectious to children it is rarely serious. If a child is unwell it is likely to be a non-coronavirus illness, rather than coronavirus itself

Whilst it is extremely important to follow Government advice to stay at home during this period, it can be confusing to know what to do when a child is unwell or injured.

NHS 111, GPs and hospitals are still providing the same safe care that they have always done. A downloadable [poster](#) with advice is available to share with parents.  
(click on the word poster to access)

### Safeguarding

**Please be extra vigilant when your child is online to ensure that they are using the internet responsibly and safely. The Home Office has published [guidance for parents and carers to keep children safe online](#) (click on the underline link above to access). This covers a range of online harms including radicalisation. Please stay safe during these challenging times.**

### Support for parents

NSPCC- Online Safety

Please check out this website below

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-childrensafe/support-for-parents>

<https://www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mindmatters/coronavirus-covid-19-anxiety-tips/>

Wellbeing

<https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/looking-after-your-mental-health-while-self-isolating/>

CAMHS – Children and Adolescents Mental Health Service, 24 hour all-age crisis line 020 8432 8020