



Blended News @ Alexander Hosea



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We hope that you are all safe and well. We have been continuing with our remote learning offer and know from your feedback that this is suiting the vast majority of families. As the lockdown continues, so does the challenge of trying to balance work, home-schooling and our own feelings missing social connection, family and friends. Be kind to yourselves and do what you can to get through. We have a week left until half term. We do not expect the children to be doing home learning during half term, but keeping up with daily reading and physical activity will help. Mrs Rehman will be sending out a PE challenge that you could use, if you wanted to.

We have a staff training (INSET) day on Mon 22ndFeb, so there will be no learning set and the site will not be open to any children on this day. Blended learning will recommence on Tuesday 23rd Feb. We hope that there will be an announcement around this date to say what the government's plan is for beginning to reopen schools on 8th March (we do not yet know that this might look like). Once we hear more about this, we will let you know. Stay well everyone and keep in touch.

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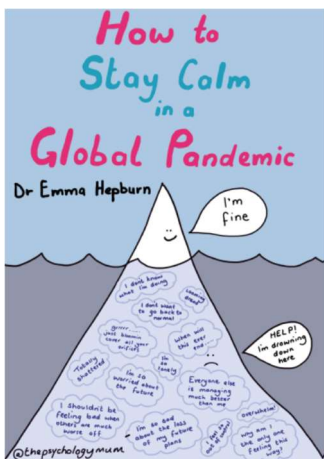
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Value this Term: Perseverance

In assemblies and in PHSE remote learning we will talk about continuing to try hard to achieve something, even when it is hard; there are obstacles in the way and it may take time. Stand firm and don't give up.

Mental Health support for Parents



Dr Emma Hepburn's guide might be of interest to parents (emailed yesterday).

The information can help to recognise how the pandemic might be affecting adults and children and what to do if you need help. We hope you might find it helpful.

Reporting Covid incidents during lockdown 3

While the majority of our families are learning at home, it is still important that you let us know of any suspected or confirmed Covid 19 cases in your household. We are required to report this to DfE.

If someone in your household is showing one of the main symptoms:

- *A high temperature.
- *A new, continuous cough.
- *A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste.

Stay at home and get a test to check if you have coronavirus. The whole household must stay at home until a negative result is received.

Please let us know via the school office (phone message/email out of hours – see above), so that we can record these properly and adjust remote learning as appropriate.

New baby news

Congratulations to Miss Tyler and her partner on the birth of their new baby, Erin. Mother and baby are doing really well.

Lateral Flow Tests

As you may have heard on the news, school staff have been offered the chance to take part in the bi-weekly LFT programme. We joined in with this last week.

Online safety

Tuesday 9th February is Safer Internet day across the country. We join in with this each year, but we also teach children about this throughout the year through RE and PHSE sessions.

There are many benefits to using the internet: it can help us to shop and do other helpful things to make our lives easier; it provides useful ways for us to keep in touch with others (which is of particular importance at the moment); it helps schools and business to continue to carry out their day-to-day work; fun activities and games for children and many other benefits.

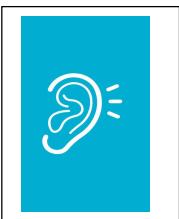
Along with this comes potential safety risks to young people, who are developing their understanding of how to keep themselves safe online. There are many resources available to support parents to help their children to stay safe online.

We would really recommend <https://www.net-aware.org.uk/> If you go to the menu and select 'All apps, games and social media sites', you can access helpful information about how to keep your child safe on particular platforms online. As a staff we looked at TicTok, Fortnite and Among Us, as UKS2 children mention these most in school. It was interesting to look at information about privacy settings etc.

Net Aware

Net Aware, developed by the NSPCC and O2, is a guide to the interactive social networks, apps or games that children use most frequently, based on research with over 674 parents and carers, and 1,696 young people.

Net Aware helps parents and carers (primarily of 8–12 year olds) to understand more about the different sites and apps their children are using. It gives advice from other parents and carers about age appropriateness, content, ease of reporting and privacy.



We are listening

Keep talking to us to let us know what is going well and what further support you need. We are committed to helping every child to continue their education wherever they are during Lockdown. If you are struggling with the technology or supporting your child at home, please contact your teacher, who will do their best to support you.

Who should I contact about....?

| Information | Who to contact | Contact details |
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| Covid symptoms and/or positive test (for child who is attending school as critical worker /vulnerable child) | School Office | Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk and Debbie.Williams@sgmail.org.uk |
| Covid positive test (for children at home) | School office | Alexanderhoseprimary@sgmail.org.uk |
| Remote learning, including access to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence Me (Reception), Google Classroom (Y1-6), Times Tables Rock Stars (Y2-6), Mathletics (Y1-6) and Bug Club (all years). | Class teacher(s) | Topaz Sally.Windmill@sgmail.org.uk Emerald Nicola.Grainger1@sgmail.org.uk Jet Laura.Cleverley@sgmail.org.uk and Rebecca.Rehman@sgmail.org.uk Ruby Sarah.Wigginton@sgmail.org.uk Crystal Amy.Clark@sgmail.org.uk Diamond Angela.Moncrieff@sgmail.org.uk and Rebecca.Chalmers@sgmail.org.uk Pearl Kimberley.Edgar@sgmail.org.uk Amethyst Heidi.Brooks@sgmail.org.uk |
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