



Nelson News

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY — PLEASE READ

Welcome back

As we come to the end of the first full week of home learning we wanted to update you.

We currently have 67 children registered to attend school under the keyworker or vulnerable child category.

Teachers have been working hard to produce remote learning for all classes and teaching assistants have been busy supporting the children attending school.

We have several families signed up to receive lunch packages and staff have started delivering them.

Office staff have done a great job talking children and parents through the process of accessing Office 365.

We are incredibly proud of how hard children have been working on their learning either online or completing the packs.

We really appreciate the support parents have been giving to their children, often while trying to work from home.

This time continues to bring many challenges for us all so if you need any additional support, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

Application for Reception

If you have a child ready to start school, please complete your online application. The deadline for applications is the 15th January. Our virtual tour is now available to view on our website, for any new prospective parents. Thank you to our wonderful crew captains who took part in the tour and represented our school.

Well Done



Well done to everyone who painted a Christmas bauble. They were all displayed in the Co-operative Funeral Parlour in Whitton and bought much joy to the community. Congratulations to the winners who received a certificate and a small gift courtesy of the Co-operative funeral parlour in Whitton.

Food Parcels

We understand that everyone is in different circumstances at this time and we want to support in any way that we can. If you are struggling to buy groceries, please get in touch with the school office and we will do our best to help. We are working closely with a local church to deliver food parcels to people in need of help.

Food for Thought Heathfield distributes food to our community that would otherwise have been discarded from local supermarkets, restaurants and independent food outlets. They offer a pop up stall on Heathfield Recreation Ground on a Thursday and Saturday.

Online Safety

We would like to say a huge thank you to you for continuing to support your children with their home learning. Their enthusiasm, positivity and the quality of work being produced whilst at home has been excellent. As we find ourselves in these more challenging times, we wanted to take the opportunity to remind you of the SMART principles to follow for children staying safe on the internet. These are;

S-Safe

Keeping safe by not giving out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online. This also includes discussing gamer tags or other details in online forums.

M-Meeting

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online is dangerous. This should only be done with parental permission or when they can be present. At present, maintaining relationships with people we trust is important for our mental wellbeing. Think about how you can stay in touch with friends and family safely via telephone or video calls. Social media is another way of doing this, however, there are lots of age restrictions on these apps, so will need to be checked first.

A-Accepting

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages.

R-Reliable

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

T-Tell

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

For those parents with children accessing the internet for their learning, it is especially important to be clear what your child can and can't do online – where they can use the internet, how much time they can spend online, the sites they can visit and the type of information they can share.

Agree with your child when they can have a mobile phone or tablet – it is a good idea to set appropriate times so they are not using their devices late at night and you are ensuring they still get enough sleep!

Below are recommended websites with further support and advice.

Childline – www.childline.org.uk

UK Safer Internet Centre to report and remove harmful online content

www.reportharmfulcontent.com

CEOP (to make a report about online abuse)

www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre

Internet Matters (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online) www.internetmatters.org

London Grid for Learning (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online) www.lgfl.net/online-safety/

Net-aware (support for parents and carers from the NSPCC) www.net-aware.org.uk

Parent info (for support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online) www.parentinfo.org

Thinkuknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online) www.thinkyouknow.co.uk

UK Safer Internet Centre (advice for parents and carers) - <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

We appreciate your support during this period of school closure. Thank you again for your patience and we encourage you to get in touch if you need any support via the school office.