



Sutton CP Virtual School News...

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Dear School Family,

The sun is shining, the tulips in my garden are looking a real picture, and another week begins. Our Virtual School is thriving—we have over 80% of our children engaged in the activities that their teachers are posting online via Tapestry or Google Classroom. It is great being involved in children's learning at home, whatever that learning looks like. I am enjoying popping into the classrooms and 'visiting' our lovely children, and as a staff we are finding out things about our children we never knew! One thing that strikes me is how children are incredibly supportive of each other, and I know that the encouraging and thoughtful messages they are posting for each other are hugely valued.



Our teachers are working hard to get the balance of activities right—not too much internet and fun, safe outdoor activities. We are hoping we are getting this right—please let us know. Going forwards we are thinking about how we might facilitate online social 'meet ups' for children to share social time with their friends—perhaps by having lunchtimes together or class quizzes. We are also hearing of lots of fun things that families are doing together, how lovely, the recent sunshine has helped. Don't feel compelled to do all the online activities everyday—try to share some reading, writing and maths each day but also remember to enjoy this precious time you have together. If you need help contact us and we will do our very best to provide you with support or signpost you to someone who can.

Our Essential Childcare for key workers remains open during the week. We have more children this week than previously—this maybe for a number of reasons, including parents having to go back to work. Whilst we understand this, please only book your child in if there is no other alternative. Do not think that is now safer than it was to be out and about—the guidance from government remains that you should stay at home, and so should your children. The lowest number of children possible at childcare reduces the risk to your child, to your family and to our staff. You will be asked for proof of keyworker status and you must book your child online, which closes 24 hours before the session. This enables us to arrange staffing and ensure that we do not call staff into work when they are not needed.

At the moment we remain in lockdown, be assured that any return to school, when it happens will be planned for and prepared for thoughtfully and carefully

Sending love from the staff team to your family, Mrs. B x

Hi everyone!

I just thought this would be an opportune time to give you an insight into how our wonderful school community is coping during lockdown.

As well as being a Governor I am also a part time teaching assistant and have been in, during both term time lockdown and the Easter Holidays during which the school provided care for the children of our key workers. The thing that strikes you most is the positivity shown by the staff and the resilience of our children. These are difficult times and we are dealing with a wholly unique situation, yet the energy and enthusiasm shown is exemplary. The children attending are valued and provided with a wide mix of educational and fun activities, designed to make their time in school as enjoyable as it can be and to maximise their mental well-being. Activities range from pre-planned learning created by their class teachers, to bug hunts, cake baking, creative arts, phonics sessions, extended play times in the sun, reading skills and not to mention daily doses of Joe Wicks PE...and yes we have all taken part! Some of us are a lot fitter that we have been for a while! Whilst they miss their classmates, the children are making new friends across year groups and are happy to support each other during activities.

Children at home are kept in contact with school by their class teachers who provide learning on a daily basis. With parental support, children are learning whole new experiences including baking, gardening and using their daily exercise allowance to get out there and walk within the beautiful area we live in. Children are spending time with the most important people in their lives and learning new skills that will ultimately help them in the future. The family nature of our school is further enhanced by teaching staff who will at times call or e mail children/parents at home. Birthdays are remembered and often that personal contact from teachers goes a long way to lift spirits.

Keep safe everyone,
Stuart.



HARRY NEWS

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BOY MAKES OWN WORLD CRUISE WITHOUT LEAVING HIS BACK GARDEN (NO WAVES REQUIRED)



Back Yard Princess

Local boy, Harry Hardaker, can't stand staying inside his house. This boy was due to go on a world cruise last week but it was cancelled because of the COVID-19 lock down.

Harry said "I was devastated, my cruise was cancelled! I needed to make my own."

"We was going to set sail from the port of Southampton, but now we are setting sail from the port of Backdoor on the good ship the Back Yard Princess. I am looking forward to sailing across the flagstone sea."

The ship will port at the decking dock where we will visit a wild cat sanctuary with Misty the mysterious tabby tiger and Spike the bad tempered pride leader.



Deadly beasts

Harry's Dad said "I can't wait for him to sail around Cape Garage because I am going to be waiting there with a hose pipe! I've heard those seas are rough!"

Harry said that he will encourage all children to go on their own cruise. His Mum and Dad think that this is a brilliant idea but I hope that he doesn't forget to pack his sun cream.

By Harry news.



I did my work for today and I go up the pinical and a the big rock behind it I love climbing the steep rocks and at big rock there is a straight up bit that I like to climb

1 class comment



Annabel Robinson 14:39

Well done! Oooo that sounds like fun. I'll have to venture up there one day, I've never been!! xx

this weekend i went up to the cluff with my dad and sister when we got to the top there was fields of trees being planted and we planted loads of veg also we planted some super hot chillies.

1 class comment



Annabel Robinson 14:25

How fab! What veg did you plant? I bet Miss Ibbotson would like those chillies! xx

i really miss every one i hope every one is ok

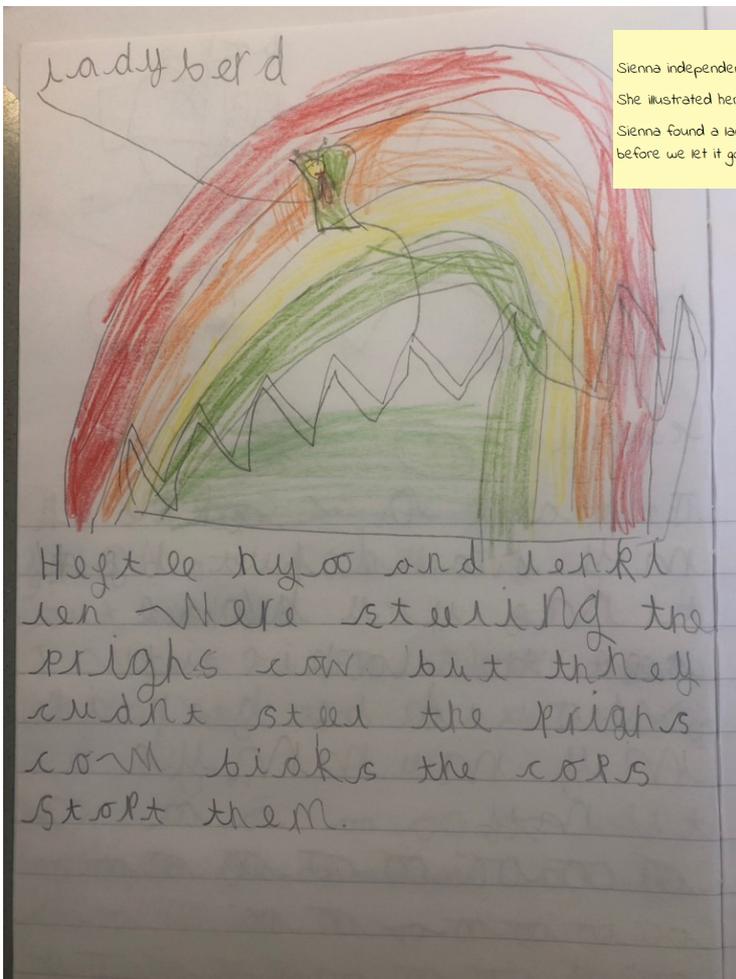


How to access Google Classroom at home.

1. Open a web browser and go to www.google.co.uk.
2. In the top right hand corner of the screen you will see a link to Gmail. Click it.
3. Log in here to your school Gmail account.
4. Once you have logged in and you are in your inbox you will notice the Google Apps link in the top right hand corner of the browser. This is the 9 dot logo that you use in school to access Google Classroom. Click on here and the link to Google classroom should appear.
5. Click on the Google classroom link. You should now see your year group's classroom. Click on it to enter.

You must be logged into your school email account for google classroom to work.

You can also access this by searching 'Google Classroom' on google and logging in this way.



Sienna independently wrote a sentence about the 'what the ladybird heard' story today.

She illustrated her work with a ladybird on a leaf and a rainbow 🌈

Sienna found a ladybird in our garden recently we caught it and put it in our magnifying container and had a good look at the ladybird before we let it go free again in our garden.



vinny enjoyed the story; thank you Mrs Dawson! Vinny has drawn a map and labelled the animals and objects on the farm! we're going to do some research on farm animals and see what else we can find out!

we've also practised all our phonics sounds and tricky words again this morning as well as watched the new BBC bitesize and written in our caterpillar journal!! we've had a busy morning!

How to use Tapestry at home You can log on using your tablet or phone via the app, or on your desktop or laptop



<https://tapestryjournal.com/>

Log into Tapestry; Tapestry is an online journal to help record all the learning and fun of children's early years' education. Once you are on Tapestry via the app or on your desktop or laptop: **enter your email address and password.**

You can now add observations of your child's learning and look at the daily phonics and maths learning and the weekly home learning.

Please make sure you are checking Tapestry regularly for your child's learning at home and keep us updated with what they are doing at home.

If you are having any problems accessing Tapestry, please contact school administrator@suttoncp.uk

STAY AT HOME 

PROTECT THE NHS

 **save lives**

Essential Childcare

We have asked parents to keep their children at home, wherever possible, and for our school to remain open only for those children who absolutely need to attend.

You can book a place by visiting the [Activities](#) section of our school website.

Obviously the fewer children making the journey to school, and the fewer children (and staff) in educational settings, the lower the risk that the virus can spread and infect vulnerable individuals in wider society.

Children with a parent or carer who is listed on the government's critical worker list will be considered for a school place, so long as their job cannot be done from home.

Many parents working in these sectors will be able to ensure their child is kept at home. Every child who can be safely cared for at home should be, to limit the chance of the virus spreading.

Thank you

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People struggling with their mental health during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak will be offered additional online support and practical guidance to help them cope.

Recognising the unprecedented challenges which the outbreak and extended periods of self-isolation can pose, Public Health England has published new [online guidance setting out principles to follow to help people to manage their mental health](#) during this difficult time, such as:

- maintaining contact with friends and family via telephone and video calls or social media
- keeping a regular routine and sleeping pattern
- focusing on a hobby or learning something new

Parents and carers will also benefit from tailored advice on how to support children and young people with stress during the coronavirus outbreak, which includes providing clear information, being aware of their own reactions and creating a new routine.

Free School Meals

Your recent circumstances may have changed. Have you considered applying for Free School Meals for your child. To check if you are eligible visit

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Whilst school is closed we can arrange for a lunch every day for your child or supermarket vouchers if you live outside the village.

When school reopens your child will get a hot meal every day.