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Dear Parents,

I know some will already have experienced what happens when families have to self-isolate but we thought it would be useful to clarify what will happen regarding learning.

As a school, we have a duty to ensure that in the event of a child being required to self-isolate, they will still have access to appropriate learning. The aim of this is to ensure that no child gets left behind academically as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

As a community, we have worked together to provide an excellent standard of education during lockdown. Our plan is to continue with the practice from this period of time because we know that it was successful for the majority of people. If this presents challenges for you, for example:

- You struggle to access Tapestry from home
- Your only way to access learning is through a mobile phone

Please let us know so that we can help.

Currently, there are two scenarios where a child may be absent from school because of Coronavirus. One is where the child themselves has tested positive, and one is where the child is self-isolating.

In the event of a child showing symptoms:

Scenario	Actions for families	Actions for teaching staff
Parents inform school that the child has symptoms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child to remain at home until tested. If test is negative, child to return to school when better. 	No work to be set under these circumstances, children need to rest and recover.
Positive test result	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children isolate for the required period. Parents inform school when they feel their child is well enough to work. Parents to let school know if they require paper copies of work. 	<p>Class teacher to provide for any children, including siblings, children identified from the bubble now at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> White rose Maths sheets x 10 Writing activities - sufficient for 10 periods of learning. A brief overview of the learning objectives to be covered over the next 10 days including suggestions of activities. <p>All work will be sent electronically unless a parent requests paper copies. Staff will use Tapestry or email.</p>
Children submit work electronically		Teacher responds to the work when possible. This is unlikely to be during teaching hours.
Children wish to submit paper copies.	This work needs to be kept by the parent. It should not be returned to school.	
Children do not engage with online learning.		If no work has been submitted after 3 days, a member of staff will make a courtesy call home to check everything is o.k.
Child not well enough to return to school		Teaching staff to send work home for five further days if parents think they are well enough. Review after 5 days.
Children return to school		Teaching staff to plan 'check in' assessments to ensure that children have not missed out on any learning. Gap filling to be planned as a result.

In the event of a child self-isolating:

Scenario	Action	Requirements of teaching staff
School informed that a child is self-isolating	Parents request paper copies of work if they need it	<p>Class teacher to provide for any children now at home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• White rose maths sheets x 10• Writing activities - sufficient for 10 periods of learning.• A brief overview of the learning objectives to be covered over the next 10 days including suggestions of activities. <p>All work will be sent electronically unless a parent requests paper copies. Staff will use Tapestry or email.</p>
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Whichever scenario, should parents inform the school of absence in the morning, teachers will aim to provide learning by the following morning. It is unlikely they will be able to provide learning on the first day. Please do let us know as soon as possible when children will be returning to school to prevent teachers setting work unnecessarily.

If you have any queries should the situation arise, please do get in touch.

Other Messages

Front playground

When collecting children from the front of school, unless you have a dog with you, please come onto the playground so we can send children to you safely. It is hard to see people waiting the other side of the hedge and staff cannot be sure that children have reached you, with the added risk of the road it is really important that we know that they are with you.

Parents Evening

We will not be running traditional parents evening in the current climate. You will receive a written update from teachers on Friday 6th November. There will be a section for you to add a comment, or if you have any concerns or questions, contact your child's class teacher by sending a message on Tapestry. They may be able to communicate that way or follow up with a phone call.

Wool

We are still asking for donations of wool. Please send any donations in with children in a carrier bag.

Book Amnesty

Thank you for those who have already returned book, we know there are still a few out there, we would be really grateful if books could be returned as we have children waiting to read them.

Wrap Up Warm!

We have to keep classrooms well ventilated, this means that we will start to feel the cold as winter draws in, even with the heating on. Please make sure your children are prepared, especially on PE days.

Non-Uniform Day

Following a suggestion by one of the children, we will be holding a non-uniform day on Wednesday 21st October 2020. The proceeds will be shared between the Friends of Yaxham Primary School and his chosen charity, which will be a charity that has supported people during the pandemic. We would ask for minimum donation of £1.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating harvest in classes this year. Children can bring donations and we will organise adding them to a central collection in a safe manner. Our donations will be appreciated more than ever by the foodbank this year. Please send donations from Monday 19th October, the last day for donations will be Wednesday 21st October.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a restful weekend

Mrs Jennie Müller

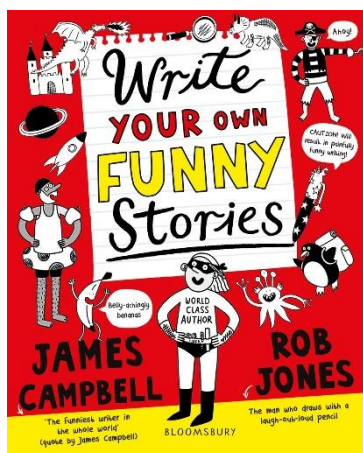
Dates for your Diary:

Collection of Harvest donations 19th-21st October 2020

Non-Uniform Day 21st October 2020

Flu Immunisation 4th November 2020

ONLINE WEEKLY CREATIVE WRITING CLASS



For Children who really like writing.

Taught by children's author and comedian: **James Campbell**
(James has visited Yaxham several times, children are always inspired by his visits)

Do you have a child who wants to be a writer? Do they have notebooks stuffed with stories and ideas? Or are they showing a talent that needs nurturing.

James Campbell wrote **The Funny Life of Pets; The Funny Life of Teachers; and The Funny Life of Sharks**. He has been travelling around schools for 25 years, inspiring children to be more creative and get writing.

Since Covid19, however, he has moved what he does online to **Zoom** meetings so that he can help children who want to be authors too.

James has been running **weekly** classes since April with huge success.

A lot of what James teaches is based on his next book **Write Your Own Funny Stories** which will be published by Bloomsbury in March 2021.

Classes have a maximum of 15 children and take the form of a combination of taught exercises, brainstorming around ideas, imagination, planning and actual writing. They are a safe place to share and celebrate your child's writing. We also have special guests in the form of other writers and illustrators.

James' classes cost just £5 each but they are FREE if you are in receipt of free school meals. These workshops are suitable for children aged 7-11 and he also runs one for teenagers.

For more information please email: bookings@thejamescampbell.com

James has NSPCC training in child protection and a full DBS.

And best of all of course, classes are completely Covid Secure.

"I'm so impressed with James' sessions. Funny. Engaging. Friendly. Informal. Thoughtful. His approach really encourages creativity and imagination with a big dose of humour. My son always looks forward to his time with James." Becky.