



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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From One Generation to Another

The children from Year 6 at West Haddon Primary School have helped spread a little cheer throughout the village. They had planned an Easter raffle to raise funds for their end of primary school party - something they had been excited about. With the raffle not going ahead, they didn't want to be sad and gloomy, but thought how best they could use the chocolate goodies. They decided to spread a little Easter cheer and gave an egg and a handmade Easter card to elderly neighbours. It certainly did raise a smile, as the children have had lovely chats with those neighbours and received messages and cards of appreciation.

There was also a number of surplus eggs, which were made into an Easter chocolate hamper and given to Northampton General Hospital: the children's own little way of saying well done and thank you to our hard-working and heroic NHS.



HOME LEARNING

I hope everyone has had a restful holiday for the past two weeks. I know it probably wasn't as most had planned but the weather has been extremely kind and has enabled us to get out for walks and time in the garden.

Next week is the start of the summer term and children will be expected to continue their learning from Monday onwards. Please ensure that your child reads/shares a book daily as well as completes at least two hours of home learning per day. I have asked teachers to set another 2 weeks of learning for their class. This will consist of 5 Maths, 5 English lessons, 2 Science lessons and 8 other. Mrs Britton has also set some French learning for Key Stage 2 children and in our last newsletter we shared a whole school art project. Teachers will email out this work to each class on the morning of Monday 20th April and should parents struggle to print out copies, it is possible to collect a paper pack during your daily exercise within the village. Please email Nicola Elliott or Mr Rosevear should you need this. Teachers will continue to use Purple Mash and children can complete work using this system. In particular it is important for children in Year 2 onwards to practise their times tables which can be done using the times tables functions in Purple Mash.

One aspect of Purple Mash which the children have particularly enjoyed, is the way that the system allows teachers to communicate with them - giving praise and rewards. Over the next two weeks, we would like children to share at least one completed piece of work per day with their teacher. This can be done via Purple Mash if the work is linked to this system. Alternatively, parents can photo artwork, writing or send files to teachers via the teacher's email address. Teachers, in return, will try to respond with some feedback. Please note that this may take a bit of time as teachers will also be in school providing childcare to key workers at various points throughout the week.

Free School Meals

With the change in working arrangements due to COVID 19, a family's income may be suffering. You may be entitled to Universal Credit and Free School Meals which could help you during this period of uncertainty.

For further information about Universal Credit:

<https://www.gov.uk/apply-universal-credit>

For further information and application for FSM:

https://northamptonshire-self.achieveservice.com/service/Apply_for_free_school_meals

Free School Meals entitles each child to receive a £15 food voucher per week which can be emailed or sent to your family. Please note that these food vouchers are not for all children but only for low income families.