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Dear Parents/Carers,

It seems strange welcoming you back to our summer term without greeting you at the gate on Monday morning, however, school is open virtually over the next few weeks and staff are keen to ensure you are provided with lots of engaging learning activities to do with your children.

Before we launch our summer term learning we have a few notices for parents.

Staffing Update

It is with much excitement that we would like to announce that Miss Anatola is pregnant and will be expecting her baby at the end of the summer term! We were lucky enough to interview candidates for her maternity cover before the schools closed and have appointed a new head of school for Holt Road to start in September. Further details will follow at a later date. We wish Miss Anatola all the best for the last few months of her pregnancy. It is such a shame that she is not able to share her “bump” with you all, but we know you will join us in wishing her well.

Critical Workers and Parents/Carers of Vulnerable children

If you are classed as a critical worker and do not have anyone else at home who can look after your child, then they are entitled to a place in school. This is also the case for children who have an allocated social worker.

If you require a place for your child and have not already booked it please email Mrs Kirton via headofschoolmilllane@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk and we will be in touch to make arrangements. Please ensure that your child brings their own packed lunch if they are attending school as we no longer have access to Norse food services at Mill Lane during the lockdown period.

Meal Vouchers

If your child is entitled to free school meals under the criteria outlined by Mrs Best-White in her last letter, then you should have received an email from The Department for Education giving you information on how to redeem the supermarket voucher you are entitled to. Each child is entitled to £15 per week. There have been some major problems nationally with this scheme so if you have not received your email and think you are entitled then please contact the school office via office@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk and we will endeavour to find out what has happened.



Food Parcels

We understand that this is an incredibly challenging time, emotionally and financially for many. We are trying to support all of our families in as many ways as we possibly can. If you are struggling with things such as accessing essential food items, then please do let us know and we will try our best to support you if we are able to. Please contact our Pastoral Manager, Natalie Brown, directly by email: pastoralmanager@nebula.norfolk.sch.uk or text: 07748 255679

School Magazine

Mr Neave has been working hard over the last few weeks to put together our “School Link” magazine. He has been very grateful for the contributions he has been sent from the children in our school and is keen for you to share more. If you have been doing some amazing work at home please send a photo to link@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk and Mr Neave will ensure it is in the next edition.

Home Learning

We hope that the children have had a good rest over the Easter Holidays and are now feeling ready to get busy with some school work. The teachers have worked hard to prepare activities and ideas of things that the children will be able to complete at home. All of this information has been provided on a “hook sheet” for each year group. Hopefully this will make it easier for parents to see what is suggested and where to find it. These will be sent to parents via our parent app but are also available on our website under each year group and in the 20.4.20 sections. You can also access them by clicking on the links here: [Reception](#), [Year 1/2](#), [Year 3/4](#), [Year 5/6](#)

There have been several families who have shared that they have found it difficult to find the location of the home learning links. To support you with this we have made this easy guide.

The first point of call for home learning tasks can be found on the school website by clicking on or typing this link in your web browser: <http://www.horsfordprimaryschool.co.uk/for-children/>

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Once on the website, click on the [For Children](#) tab and then click on the relevant links in the red column on the left-hand side of the page. There is a [Useful Websites](#) section, which will take you to many different educational websites. We are continually adding sites to this page as we are signposted to them. New sites/links will be marked with an * and the date that they were added so you can see which ones are new. Ones that have been added recently and we would specifically like to point out to you are:

[Online book group for 8-11 year olds and online magazines](#)

Norfolk Libraries will be starting an online book group from Monday 20th April. More details can be found by clicking the link above.

[Free ebook – Coronavirus – a book for children](#)

This book has been illustrated by Axel Scheffler, who is well known for drawing the character the Gruffalo along with many others, so the children will be familiar with his style. Again click the link above to access the book.

[real PE at home – online learning resources](#)

An online learning platform for parents to access via a school log in. Details can be found by clicking the link above.

[Helpful resource list](#)

A very comprehensive list of websites/resources covering a wide range of areas. Click the link above to access it.

[Family Learning Online Courses](#)

Sign up for a free family online course in maths, English or Art. Access the flyer by clicking the link.

[Norfolk Wellbeing Service](#)

Online zoom social meetings on a range of themes. Access the flyer by clicking the link.

[Resources from Reverend Margaret](#)

Click on the link above to find the next two weeks' worth of activity sheets from Reverend Margaret.

The '[Home Learning Grids](#)' section of our website provides general task ideas. The specific year group links provide a large variety of year group specific learning activities which cover many different curriculum areas.

The second place to access home learning is on <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/> Teachers use this website to support learning done in class and it can now be accessed completely free whilst schools are closed. All you need to do is to click on or type in this link in your web browser: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/offer>

During your signup, you simply enter the offer code: CVDTWINKLHELPS

Once you have access to the twinkl website, you will find that there are huge amounts of activities and learning resources available for you to download. You may choose to search for activities based upon the interests of your child, by topic or by subject.

If you would like a more structured approach, it is highly recommended that you access the 'Home Learning Hub' (this is a green tab located on the top left-hand side of the twinkl homepage, or you can simply click on or type in this link: <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/home-learning-hub>). This section of the website provides structured activities and a timetable to follow for the whole day. This section is updated daily with age appropriate learning tasks. You can click on different dates or work on today's lessons.

The screenshot shows the Twinkl Home Learning Hub website. At the top, there is a blue navigation bar with the Twinkl logo, a search bar containing "Search 500,000+ resources", and buttons for "Sign In" and "Join". Below this is a white navigation bar with a green "Home Learning Hub" tab and other menu items: "Planning", "Curriculum Aims", "EYFS", "KS1", "KS2", "KS3/4", "SEND", "EAL", and "Create".

The main content area has a blue header with the text "Twinkl Home Learning Hub - New ideas, everyday!". Below this, there are two columns of text. The left column contains a welcome message: "Welcome to the Twinkl Home Learning Hub. **Parent or teacher, at home or still in school, our Home Learning Hub has you covered during school closures.** Each day you'll find a new set of daily activities to get involved with. Qualified Twinkl teachers will provide book readings, live lessons, positive news updates and more. We'll be bringing you activities from our partners too, to help fill your days and offer some much-needed variety. **Activities will be listed the day before** - giving you enough time to get prepped and set up for the next day's learning." It also includes a section "Find your own approach" and a link to "School Closure Support". The right column is titled "Got an offer code?" and includes a "Redeem your offer code >" button.

Below the text is a filter section with "Activities for: Today" and buttons for "Age 3-5", "Age 5-7", "Age 7-9", "Age 9-11", and "Age 11-16". The "Age 7-9" button is selected. Underneath, there is a section titled "At a Glance" with a description: "An age-specific collection of Weekly Learning Activities for even more ideas to keep your children engaged and entertained!". To the right of this text are two preview images of activity packs. The first is labeled "* NEW * Weekly Learning Activities Pack Week 1 Age 7-8" and the second is labeled "* NEW * Weekly Learning Activities Pack Week 1 Age 8-9".

You can choose your child's age range and the date, and it will automatically generate your timetable, complete with English, maths and foundation subject lessons. Here is a print screen, showing you an example timetable for a day that has been planned for your use:

Morning yoga

Joe Wicks might not be here this morning but that doesn't mean you need start your day without some exercise. Use the linked video to wake up and flex your body then utilise the accompanying resources to try out some yoga moves too!

Watch now!



Pet Show Yoga Story



Positive Affirmations Flashcards

09:00 - 09:30

Learning in Nature

Use the accompanying resources to learn about the outdoors or if you're fortunate to have a garden or outside area where you live, take learning outdoors and get hands on with nature. Don't worry though, these activities can be done indoors too!



I Spy Scavenger Hunt Checklist



Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt

09:30 - 10:30

Break Time

Time to take a break! Each day we'll share a resource to help you relax and unwind as a family or class.



British Wildlife Mindfulness Colouring Sheets



British Birds Mindfulness Colouring Pages

10:30 - 11:00

Family Kitchen

Why not get the family baking and cooking together this weekend? Use the linked resources to cook up a storm in the kitchen with clear instructions and ingredients listed within each resource.



Awesome Pizza Recipe



*** NEW * Crunchy Rainbow Pasta Salad Recipe**

11:00 - 12:00

Lunch

Time to break for lunch! Each day we'll offer a helping hand by sharing a recipe or healthy eating activity to keep you going.



'What Am I?' Food Themed Guessing Game Cards



How Do I Feel Today? Emotions Chart

12:00 - 13:00

Arts & Crafts Hour

Spend an afternoon getting crafty with your children. We've picked out a couple of our favourite ideas to get hands on creating some great arts and crafts with your children this weekend. Make sure to share your creations with us on social media!



Cereal Box Magazine Holder Craft Instructions



Clothes Upcycling: Bunting Craft Activity

13:00 - 14:00

Mindful Moment

We are finishing today with an opportunity for some quiet and calm time with some mindfulness activities from our Twinkl Life team. Put some calming music on and sit down with your children for a moment of mindfulness.



Mindful Me: Breathing and Bubbles Activity



Mindful Me: An Introduction to Mindfulness PowerPoint

You may, of course, be accessing home learning by another method and if this is working for you, please feel free to continue operating as you have been.

Please note that the school is not able to provide any further paper versions of the home learning tasks highlighted above. The school has taken this decision, following Government guidance, regarding possible transmission of the coronavirus and avoiding all non-essential journeys.

For our Reception parents, Miss Thurston and Mr Neave have been uploading daily challenges onto Tapestry for the children to complete. If you are having difficulty accessing this please email Mr Neave link@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk and he will get in touch.

For our Year 5 and 6 pupils, home learning looks a little different. Ms McMurray, Miss Blyth and Mrs Linford have been busy planning lessons and posting them onto google classroom. The children just need to access the [Norfolk Cloud Portal](#), click on Google Classrooms and then input their username and password. All children in Years 5/6 have been given passwords to be able to access this learning. If your child does not know their log in please email Ms McMurray via hmcmurray37rb@nsix.org.uk or Miss Blyth via sblyth2nr4@nsix.org.uk . It is especially important for our oldest children that they all try to log in and work through the activities provided. They can message their teacher very easily via this platform to ask questions and get their work checked. We want to ensure that our Year 6 pupils are all equipped with the best possible education we can provide for their journey on to High School, and we also want to ensure that our Year 5 pupils continue through their curriculum as best they can. Again, if you have any questions or are unsure of what your child needs to do, please email Ms McMurray or Miss Blyth, who are happy to help.

Ultimately, we know, that as parents you may be trying to balance working at home and supporting one or even several children. Many of our staff are attempting to do the same thing and so understand that it can be a struggle. Everyone is facing different challenges, and we must acknowledge that every situation, every family and every child is different. You will all, we are sure, do your very best and that is all we can expect.

If you would like any further support in accessing the home learning resources please contact the school office via office@horsford.norfolk.sch.uk and a member of staff will get back to you. Alternatively, nominated members of staff for each key stage, have provided their [email addresses](#) on our website so you can email them directly.

Take care everyone, we hope to see you all safe and well in the near future.

Kind regards,



Miss Anatola and Mrs Kirton