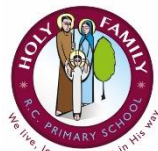


Holy Family News



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all safe and well. School is very quiet without all our wonderful children. The staff and I are missing them greatly and looking forward to when they can return. Your children's teachers are working hard to provide work online and give feedback. Hopefully, in the coming weeks, we will have a new online platform which should make things easier! We do understand that these are challenging and worrying times for you all. The work set will be work that has already been covered in class, so the children should be familiar with it. If your child is struggling with something, please feel free to choose another activity. Time spent with you (their first ever teacher!) is extremely valuable. Have fun!

Mrs. Booth

Every week the teachers will be phoning to check you are all ok and to check how your child is doing with their home learning. I've got to say it has been lovely speaking to the children. If you need help with anything you can also phone school, **0161 770 2400** or email support@holyfamilly.oldham.sch.uk and a member of staff will get back to you.



Mental Health and Well-Being

The government have released guidance for parents and carers on supporting young children and young people's mental health and wellbeing during the coronavirus (COVID19) outbreak.

Please see the link below.

[Guidance for parents on supporting children's mental health and wellbeing](#)



Free School Meal information will be sent out to parents soon.

Website

Please take the time to check your child's class page on our website where you will find ideas and resources for learning. <https://holyfamillyrcprimary.co.uk/>

Our Classes -> Then click on your class page. We have set up a home log in for your daily PE lessons. This allows access to quality physical activity and family play opportunities.

Our school has our own unique email and password. Please find the details below:

The website address is: home.jasmineactive.com

Parent email: parent@holyfamilly-10.com

Password: holyfamily



Recent updates include our DigiSmart app which develops number skills in a very motivating way and it's also got an extra literacy section.

YEAR 3

Don't forget your spellings which came in the pack. This week you should be learning:

Group 1 Spring 2 week 5, this week,

Group 2 Spring 1 week 5. Then go into Purple Mash, appropriate year group and complete the week 5 spelling quiz. Ask an adult to test you also. Also access the phonics sites on the Year 3 web page.

Group 3 POPS and make sure you are using the phonic sites on the Year 3 web page.

Hope your mini topic on Oceans is coming along. Can't wait to see your ideas - this was also in your home learning pack.

Children using the paper packs keep your photos and snapshots of work coming in. Anytime you can get access to online, log on to Purple Mash. Very importantly, even though many of you are working on the computer, don't forget your punctuation - you're not getting away with it - we're onto you!

We're very proud of you all and are missing you all. And please don't worry, we will both make sure your Friday reward chocolate biscuits don't go to waste. We promise to keep them safe for you inside our tummies. (ps - don't tell Mrs Booth). See the secret thought in brackets.

Look after yourselves, be sensible, be good and stay safe.

Love Mrs Hinchliffe and Mrs O'Brien.



Sign and Shine!!!



Look out on Twitter. A new song to learn and sign to will soon be posted!

Year 2

It has been great seeing all your hard work on Purple Mash, especially your art work. Please remember to complete some of the Maths and Phonics work we have been setting for you. The phonics will help you with your writing as well as your reading. Also, why not see if you can beat Mrs. Booth on Times Tables Rock Stars!

We know lots of you are trying hard to work through the paper packs that we sent home. We would love to see photos of you and your work on Twitter... it makes us smile! It has been lovely speaking to you all on the phone. We are missing you lots. Keep up the hard work and we will hopefully see you soon.

Love

Mrs Leeming, Miss Cotton and Miss Jones xx



Please share your learning on our Twitter Feed. We love to see what you are doing and it's a great way to share your ideas with other parents.
@HolyFamilyOL8

Reception Class

A huge thank you and well done for all of your amazing work and sharing your photos, parents this includes you too!

I have loved seeing your happy faces and your learning adventures! Your literacy rainbow challenges have blown me away, I will be thinking of new challenges for your sentences next week!

A reminder to check out oxfordowl.co.uk for reading books online at your child's level. (Please look at pink and red levels first.)

Try your best to be a RAINBOW reader.

R Remember to use your strong pointy reading finger under each word.

A Always look at the first sound in the word to give you a clue.

I If you can, look for a picture clue too!

N No floppy fingers covering up the words...

B Be patient, try and try again.

O Or if you are really stuck a grown up can help.

W Well done for being a RAINBOW reader!



Please remember to access our Twitter page @RecHolyFamily and our Class Dojo app for lots of fun learning ideas that the whole family can be involved in.

Miss you all lots,

Miss Baggeley and Mrs McNeill xxx

Year 6

Hi Year 6! It's Mrs Fotheringham here, hoping that you're all OK during this unusual time. I've been really pleased to see that so many of you are accessing the online activities (via Purple Mash) that I have been setting on a daily basis and I have spoken to many of you about your projects too, which seem to be coming along nicely. From today (31st March), I will also be setting you an online SPAG activity (through spag.com), so look out for those too. If you haven't been accessing it (and you have the internet), get onto it now!!

It seems that many of you have chosen Egypt, Brazil and USA for your project – I know some of you hadn't chosen when I spoke to you last week, but when I know what you have chosen I will offer some ideas to you too (if you have chosen something other than those three topics)...remember, you can send me a message through Purple Mash and if you do, I will reply.

So, if you have chosen Egypt, have you done some research into the river Nile? If you have chosen Brazil, have you looked into the rain forest (there's loads of information you can research here: animals, the different layers [emergent, canopy, understory & forest floor], plants, conservation to name a few)? And for those of you who chose the USA, have you looked into Mount Rushmore? Well, that's it from me for now, keep in touch via Purple Mash and I'll speak to you soon.

Mrs Fotheringham

Year 1

Thank you all for working so hard at home on your home learning packs and on Purple Mash. I have loved seeing your wonderful work on Twitter and Class Dojo too! Please keep sharing this with us. In year 1 phonics is very important so it would be great if you could carry on with this at home. Phonics Play and Phonics Bloom are great websites for this. Also, I am setting work daily on Purple Mash so if you haven't already had a look I would be grateful if you could log on. If you fancy a change from the screens then why not start your topic work in your exercise book? You could do some research about Victorian toys as we unfortunately didn't get to finish this topic. You could also research different animals, materials or even the weather and the seasons. Please keep up the great work! Love Miss Makin x

Year 4

Thank you for the ongoing support of all of our year 4 parents, we know through our weekly phonecalls and twitter posts how happy and supported our class is throughout this unusual time. Please encourage all children to carry on producing their fantastic work as we can see on Times Tables Rockstars, Purple Mash and Spag.com. It has been lovely to speak to children about their art work and would love to see these projects continue.

Remember to focus on our past topics :-

- The Romans

-The Egyptians

- Science- Electricity and Animals including humans.

-Liverpool as a city

We look forward to seeing those smiling faces on our return to school and listening to those exciting stories. Please stay home, stay safe but keep smiling. Mrs Smith and the Year 4 Team.



Nursery

We are extremely grateful for the regular updates we are receiving, as we miss you all so much. Please keep sharing your photos of all the amazing activities you have been doing from home, either on ClassDojo or our twitter page (@NursHolyFamily). We will be sharing lots of ideas for you. With the help of your wonderful grown-ups, you are all learning new skills and achieving amazing things! We have been lucky enough to see some children writing their name, numbers and letters from the alphabet independently - we are SO proud of you!

If you ever need any more ideas/website links/activities or any kind of help in regards to your child's targets, please message our ClassDojo page.

We hope you are having lots of fun,

Miss McLaughlin & Mrs Fox xxx



Year 5

A huge hello to you all - I hope you are all keeping well during this difficult time! I hope you are all adapting to this 'new life' alongside your child/children. I have no doubt these are very testing times, however we are all here to help, guide and support you all!

By now the children are now into a routine of receiving tasks to complete via Purple Mash. I hope that these tasks are meeting the needs of your child and that they are somewhat enjoying their work.

Other work that the children can invest their time in is researching their current topic - World War 2. There is lots of information for the children to access online which will be posted on our class page. Other firm reminders - and the children will know only too well is to;

Read daily - Please encourage your child to read a wide and broadly including their favourite book, online, comics - dust off those old favourites and keep reading! Please share books with your child, ask key questions and discuss their thoughts about the characters, set and plot. Keep them talking! To practise **times tables** - using Times Tables Rockstar will help the children to remain enthused - maybe set a reward for being able to recall their times tables

On a personal note, I am missing the children very much! I think and pray for you all each day. Stay strong and resilient through this time! Miss Fallon

