

12th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the country begins to open after our 'lockdown', let me tell you what Townsend Primary has been up to during the 'lockdown'. Townsend did not close during this time as we provided lessons and activities for children of Critical Workers. Everyone, including the staff had a great time – it was like one happy family! Members of staff that were able to come on-site have and still are preparing food packages for 86 families each week. This is proving very successful! Other members of staff who were on lockdown, undertook training courses and prepared the homework & Google Classroom work for our children. It is amazing what technology can do! Teachers also telephoned all parents each week to ensure everyone was okay. We are now using the Google streaming and emails to keep in contact. THANK YOU to all of our staff for being so committed towards the provision at Townsend Primary 😊

Best Wishes Anne Stonell

BLACK LIVES MATTER

For our KS2 pupils I have posted an assembly on events both in America and here in Britain. I discuss racism and how it effects our society today, what we can do and what we need to think about.

Our school has always looked at these issues, through looking at history, listening to speakers and reflection on how it affects us. I do hope this is a turning point in history to change the inequalities BAME people face daily!



GOOGLE CLASSROOM

Well done to all those children who are taking part in Google Classroom every day, submitting work and commenting on the stream. I have looked and commented on some of your work and I was very impressed! Sad to see that some of you have not engaged in much of the google classroom work being set by your Teacher.

It is so important to keep practising your learning skills.

Remember that if you are having any difficulties with accessing Google Classroom, completing or submitting your work, please e-mail the teacher or school office

CHILDREN RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Whatever decision you make about your child returning to school or not, is entirely your choice. **Any decision you make, we support you 100% because you know what best suits your child and family** 😊

As you may already be aware, some of our Year 6 children have returned to school. They are doing so well adjusting and keeping the 2 metre distancing rules! – well done!

Year 1 will be the next year group to return on Monday 15th June. Remember parents in Reception year to contact the school if you are or not returning to school.

E-SAFETY!!!! MAKE SURE YOU CHECK WHAT YOUR CHILD IS DOING ON LINE!

FOOD PACKAGES

As you may already be aware, we have been receiving weekly breakfast and lunch box hampers thanks to a partnership with Wahaca, Guy's and St Thomas' Charity, Chefs in Schools and School Food Matters. This has proved very successful, and we will keep on providing these packages until they run out

We always send a text with starting times and when it finishes. Please be on time, because the volunteers spend hours bagging up all of the food. **Collection is from Mason Street, car park. Please remember to bring a bag!**



VIOLENCE IN THE HOME

During this difficult time, the news has identified that the number of incidents of violence in the home has greatly risen.

If you or someone you know is a victim of any form of violence, please report it, please seek help.

The school is here for you.

You can also contact the following agencies for advice or to report to:

**REFUGE- 0808 2000 247
 Solace - 0808 802 5565**

IF YOU ARE IN AN EMERGENCY PLEASE CALL

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