



Letters/email home this week...

Whole School

- Remote learning
- Mindfulness research study - Postponement

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<http://ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/letters>



A very happy New Year to you all—I hope that 2021 brings you much joy. We are saddened, as you are probably too, that we are back to remote learning and all the difficulties and complexities it brings. I can assure you that the staff would much rather be

teaching your children face to face. As I said in my letter earlier this week, teaching and learning have so many factors involved—it is a very personal and emotive experience that depends on environment, relationships and dynamics. All these things are difficult to assess and make adjustments when online.

However, we need to make the best of the situation and we will give all our efforts to try to provide a learning experience that, as much as possible, replicates the classroom.

The experience this time should be much more nuanced, with regular daily contact with teachers and recorded lessons and tasks that are age appropriate, accessible and meeting the requirements of the national curriculum. Children will receive regular feedback on their learning and will, we hope, find it fun!

There will be some difficulties with technology, but, I am sure, we and your children will become increasingly secure in using Google Classroom. We know that, like us, you can only do your best. We are here to support in any way we can. Please keep communicating with us and we will endeavour to respond to you as soon as possible.

PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO WATCH THE SHORT FILM FROM MR. C ABOUT GOOGLE MEETS Please click the link <https://tinyurl.com/y3qu4hvl>

Please share the guidance for Google Meets with your child. We think they're very helpful!
Please click the link <https://tinyurl.com/y6psnfle>

BLUE PETER IS ON YOU TUBE!

The popular programme is available on You Tube and has lots of fun activity ideas that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. Registration is FREE!



<https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter>

Parent / Carers of Year 3 who contributed towards Stone Age Day. We have decided the easiest course of action would be to keep this money and credit you the amount towards your child's next school trip. Should this cause hardship to you please contact the school office.

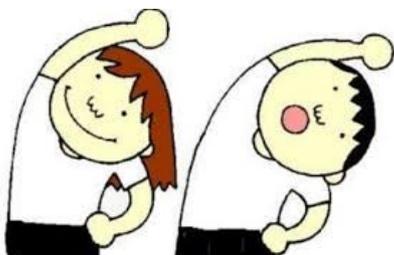
P.E. FOR THOSE ATTENDING SCHOOL

We would like children to come to school in P.E. kits when they have P.E. in school. The days have had to alter slightly:

- YEAR 3—FRIDAY**
- YEAR 4—FRIDAY**
- YEAR 5—THURSDAY**
- YEAR 6—TUESDAY**

As usual, we expect children to be in school P.E. kit which is part of the uniform. If tracksuit bottoms are

worn, then shorts should be worn underneath. Leggings are not part of school uniform.



Site Improvements

Despite the lockdown we are still pressing to get works completed on the site. We are still waiting for planning permission to start work on the old bike shed and the new playground on the south side. Fingers crossed this will happen soon. The new Rob-ins (Resourced Provision) classroom is near completion which will mean we can transfer the Library very soon.



Work on the area we will be using for the 'Forest School' has started this week with planting of natural hedgerows, clearing space for a shelter, bird hide and

clearing the over-grown grass. It is a terrific space and we can't wait to start using it!

