

WEEKLY 'HEAD'-LINES

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are well, keeping safe and working hard on your homework packs. It is lovely to see many of you already engaging with the Seesaw platform. The staff are really enjoying receiving your uploads, photographs and videos. Remember, you have two weeks' worth of work in your packs. You will then be able to access more work from the Seesaw app from Monday 6th April, so keep checking.

I know that keeping children busy and amused at home is going to be challenging, especially when they are largely restricted to the house but my suggestion would be to break the day up into some structured activities. The Joe Wicks fitness sessions on YouTube are well worth a try. Set time aside each day to complete some of the work in your packs, read and practise your number facts and tables, get creative and also try some of the free educational apps suggested on our website.

Teachers will keep in touch with you all via Seesaw and please do not hesitate to contact us with any questions or queries about the work.

The children of key workers that have been accommodated in school this week have been following the Joe Wicks fitness programme each morning, followed by reading time and time to work on their home learning packs. They have also been involved in craft activities in the afternoon. See below some of the things they have been up to.

Students in receipt of free school meals

A reminder that you will receive information via text on how to claim your vouchers. Please see below links and a link to FAQs.

<http://help.wonde.com/en/collections/2215176-free-school-meals>

<http://help.wonde.com/en/articles/3818633-supermarket-vouchers-faqs>

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Literacy: Bringing Shakespeare to life for children!

This lesson in partnership with the Royal Shakespeare Company is designed to introduce upper Key Stage 2 pupils to some of William Shakespeare's best known plays.

The lesson focuses on aspects of Shakespeare's language and characters, and teaches pupils how to turn those famous words and scenes into a performance or production of their own. Available by [clicking here](#).

Pupils working hard



Read Write Inc. Phonics – information for parents, films for children

Read Write Inc. is the phonics programme all of our Reception, Year 1 and 2 children follow daily.

Ruth Miskin has provided free, short Read Write Inc. Phonics lessons on Facebook and YouTube for children to watch at home every day until Friday 3rd April.

Films will show at the times below and will be available for 24 hours.

Set 1 Speed Sounds at 9.30 am.
Set 2 Speed Sounds at 10.00 am.
Set 3 Speed Sounds at 10.30 am.

BBC Teach

The BBC teach website is full of superb resources for primary school children, [click here](#).



Online Safety

As many of you are using the internet and online resources for home schooling, we wanted to share this website with you, [click here](#). Thinkuknow is the education programme from NCA-CEOP, a UK organisation which protects children both online and offline.

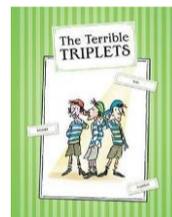


Free audiobooks for children!

David Walliams has announced that he will be releasing [30 free audio stories](#) to help entertain school children during the coronavirus crisis.

The Britain's Got Talent judge tweeted to his followers that one story a day will be available every day for the next 30 days for free!

The first story, which is available now, is The Terrible Triplets - this forms part of David's 2018 title The World's Worst Children 3, a book that features a collection of hilariously horrible children.



Maths: Gareth Metcalf home lessons during school closures

Gareth Metcalf is a maths specialist who has worked with our partner schools.

[Here](#) on his website, he has released information, resources and links for the daily home maths lessons hosted by Gareth Metcalfe during the UK school closures for Covid-19.



Free school meals scam

The Department for Education have been informed that some parents have received an email stating the following: 'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. This is a scam email – it is not from a local authority.

Please do not respond to it, and delete immediately. Read the Government guidance [here](#), which explains what schools should do to make sure eligible students have continued access to free school meals.



USEFUL CONTACTS

Shropshire Public Health Nursing Service	0333 358 3654
Compass Early Help	0345 678 9021 https://shropshire.gov.uk/early-help/
Parenting Team	01743 250950
SEND Local Offer	https://www.shropshire.gov.uk/the-send-local-offer/

FACEBOOK

Please follow us on Facebook @[LonglandsCommunityPrimarySchool](#) for supplementary home learning ideas, news and feel good stories. We also encourage you to share your ideas and interact with our posts!

For news from across the Trust, why not also follow @[MarchesAcademyTrust](#).

WEBSITE QUICK LINKS

Please click on the following useful links to find out more.

- [News](#)
- [Home Learning](#)
- [Term Dates](#)

