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Headteacher Update

Welcome to our weekly newsletter which is coming to you a day early due to the bank holiday tomorrow. Whilst a number of staff across the Trust will be working on site at Scissett tomorrow, in order to provide childcare for the families of the critical workers in our community, we do not expect pupils to be completing any school work. They've certainly earned a three day weekend, as have you parents.

As the country pauses to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE day, you may want to spend some time as a family discussing the history around VE day. There are some excellent resources [here](#) on the Royal British Legion website should you wish to know more. No doubt we will hear many tales of exceedingly brave people who did extraordinary things for the good of others – often putting themselves in harm's way. I'm sure you will be well aware of those people in our community today who, in slightly different circumstances, regularly put themselves out for the good of others. As mentioned last week, we must take hope that during these recent challenging times, we have seen this community spirit grow and it's something we should be extremely proud of. We must work hard to ensure it continues into the future.

Thank you for the positive comments we've received about the introduction of a timetable for setting work. We recognise families are struggling with the challenges of home working, home schooling and everything else that comes with family life and as such we are really grateful to all parents for their ongoing support and efforts. We've tried to step up our contact with families this week with many phone calls and emails home from staff. If you haven't had any contact from school and would appreciate a call, please let us know. We've been asked by a couple of parents if we have any plans to offer online video conferencing sessions to pupils. This is something we have considered however at present we haven't found a suitable platform which meets our school safeguarding requirements. We are working hard to find a solution and so small group meetings may be something we can offer over the coming weeks. The well-being of pupils will always be our number one priority and if we can find ways to help pupils reconnect safely, we'll do what we can to facilitate this. There are no plans currently to offer any online lessons.

This week we have had the premiere of not one but two potential Oscar winning videos. The staff have shown their (very well) hidden talents with their performance of The Rembrandts hit song 'I'll be there for you'. It's already a hit on social media and we're very grateful to all involved for being such great sports. Some of our pupils, assisted by Mr Tyson and Mrs Joyce, have produced their very own Joe Wicks workout video. Very well done to all involved, it is an excellent piece of work. I wonder how many of us have experienced the joys of PE with Joe, 30 minutes of action which seems to stay with you for the whole week. Personally I much prefer PE with Mr Martin and Mrs Joyce.

It is expected we will find out over the weekend how the government plans to bring the country out of lockdown. We very much look forward to hearing what is said about any plans to reopen schools. I will aim to provide some form of response to any government announcements in the bulletin next week.

In the meantime, I hope you enjoy the extended weekend as best you can and I wish you well for the week ahead.

Well-being

Although schools are closed to the majority of students, we remain here to help. **Please be sure to make contact with school if you need support.** Please see the end of this bulletin for a list of further support services available to you at this difficult time. We've added an extra section this week, Kirklees Support for families in need, which has been shared with us by Kirklees Council.

School safeguarding support

Mrs Senior – Safeguarding Lead
g.senior@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk

Mr MacIntyre – Deputy Safeguarding Lead
a.macintyre@kirkburtonmiddleschool.co.uk

Shout – crisis text line

Shout is the UK's first 24/7 text service, free on all major mobile networks, for anyone in crisis anytime, anywhere. It's a place to go if you're struggling to cope and you need immediate help. Full details can be found [here](#) on their website.

For help – text shout to 85258

Online cook alongs for the £15 free school meals budget

The [Bite Back 2030](#) Team – a youth led movement - has launched a daily online cookery class run by a leading chef at the Jamie Oliver Cookery School and supported by the Laidlaw Foundation.

Jack Deane is volunteering his time for Bite Back 2030 and presenting the [cook-alongs](#) live from his kitchen at home in West Sussex. The cook alongs are fun, easy to follow, and teach some key skills, but best of all children will have a delicious, healthy and nutritious lunch at the end of it all.

All the ingredients come from the Bite Back 2030 weekly shopping list, price-checked to come within the £15 free school meals budget at a national mid-range supermarket.

Please share the **#CookWithJack** class with your school community.

Year 6

I hope you are all still working hard on your home-schooling and enjoying learning in a different way. Last week I set you a challenge about kindness to others, this week I would like to do something kind for yourselves once you have finished your learning.

Do at least one thing that makes you happy! It could be to watch a film with your family or play a game you like. It could be to draw a picture of your favourite animal, doing some baking or listening to some music. Maybe you could make up your own quiz or put on a show for your family. Remember it is important to ask your parents or carers for permission before you choose your activity but to have fun with whatever you choose. Try to do something that doesn't involve technology- no computers or phones or tablets. Get creative and let me know what you got up to.

Stay safe - Miss Sharples

ICT Update

Sometimes downloaded WORD documents onto a computer will appear jumbled up with missing bits & will not allow you to print, watch these two video clips to solve this issue.

ENABLE EDITING: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zSCfOtsYY5Y>

READ ONLY MODE: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PNVkWSSX10o>

Fancy learning a new programming language? Register & have a go at: <https://www.codecademy.com/> it's free!

Wanna challenge yourself to make a game? Register & have a go at: <https://hourofcode.com/uk/learn/> it's free!

Preview YouTube video Enabling Editing on Word Documents (Microsoft Miles)



[Preview YouTube video How to Remove Read Only on a Word | How to Turn Off Read Only on a Word Document](#)



KMS Lockdown Videos

Thank you to everyone involved in our music video including a huge thank you to Mrs Waterhouse's son, Oliver, who edited the video. Please click [here](#) to view the fantastic performances by some of Team KMS finest. Would it be cruel to say don't give up the day job? Well done to everybody for being such good sports and bringing a smile to many faces. Please don't expect a pay rise if it goes viral however!

Also, KMS Joe Wicks - This should be live by the time you read this, check it out on our social media or directly from our YouTube Channel by clicking [here](#) .

Mr Tyson has invited pupils to send in their own exercise clips to put together KMS' own workout session in the style of Joe Wicks. Thank you to Charlie P, Lucy P, Jacob C, Georgia P, Jake J, James H, Lottie M, Marcus L, Molly M, Harvey P, Tom S, Emma W, Isabell W and Mrs Joyce for their contributions. Check it out, give it a go and let us know what you think! Doing that a couple of times a week should keep your mind and body going!

[Preview YouTube video I'll be there for you \(Friends\) - KMS Lockdown edition](#)

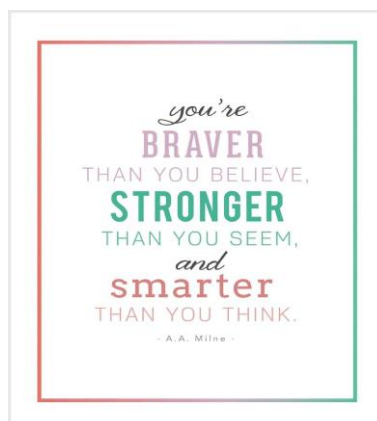


Staying Positive

Although it is important to keep up with your work whilst being at home, it is also just as important to look after your mind. Each week set yourself a time that you can complete the wellbeing/mindfulness task below. Miss Wigglesworth would love to see your finished tasks – ask parents/carers to take a picture and send it in to our Kirkburton Middle School Facebook page.

Week Three

Positive Quotes - Research a positive quote that you like. (My favourite is "Everything happens for a reason".) - Write out his quote on a piece of paper, decorate it, add drawings and colour. - Save this quote to give to someone who you have missed whilst staying home.



Well-being support and guidance

Websites

- [kooth.com](https://www.kooth.com) – free, safe and anonymous online support for young people, including counselling and self-help articles;
- [mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing) – website with guidance on how to cope specifically during this period of uncertainty;
- [mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/helping-someone-else/) - website with guidance on how to help others when you know they're struggling.
- <https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/> - (0300 304 5555) supports with health and well-being

Other sites which may help

- www.samaritans.org
- www.youngminds.org.uk
- www.childline.org.uk

Text Services

- Thriving Kirklees - School nurse health support around mental health and worries/anxiety – 07520618866;
- 24/7 Text Line – if you are experiencing a mental health crisis and need support, you can text YM to [85258](https://www.thrivingkirklees.org.uk/text).

In an emergency

- If you are in a position where you are unsafe and in immediate danger, please contact the police immediately, dialling 999.

Kirklees Support for families in need

We know there are a number of families who are facing new, or increased financial difficulty as a result of Covid-19.

We want to make sure that families are able to access clear and holistic support. If you are aware of a family struggling to access food or in need of financial advice please see the various local support mechanisms in place below. Please let us know if the school can support you in any way in relation to the following information.

Support with finance and employment

The Local Welfare Provision Team can:

- advise on welfare benefit entitlements, including rent and mortgage payments
- advise on local and national Covid-19 assistance schemes
- advise on council tax reduction help
- make appropriate referrals for food parcels
- issue a fuel voucher for pre-payment meters (excluding British Gas customers)

Food options will be discussed during this assessment. Usually, the individual will receive access to food the same day or the next working day.

Local Welfare Provision team:

Phone 01484 414782

Email: LWP@kirklees.gov.uk

Better Off Kirklees

BetterOff provides information on benefit entitlement as well as help with applying online; there is also information and support on finding and applying for jobs:

<https://www.betteroffkirklees.org.uk/#/home>

Please note:

BetterOff is only for Kirklees residents - any families living outside Kirklees with children attending a Kirklees school need to contact their own Local Authority for benefits and employment support (unless they are trying to apply for Free School Meals, in which case they should use the Kirklees application process:

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/schools/free-school-meals.aspx>)

Families living in Kirklees with children attending school in another Local Authority can still use BetterOff for benefits and employment support, but would need to contact their own Local Authority to apply for Free School Meals.

Citizens Advice Bureau

Our local Citizens Advice is still operating and providing generalist advice, as well as specialist services on issues like debt, homelessness and employment. Click [here](#) for further information.

Food provision options

We have attached the latest version of our guide to food provision for vulnerable people. This includes the latest information about the options available, and ways of dealing with emergencies at weekends. You can use the icons on the first page to skip to the most relevant section of the document. This information is not for sharing more widely, but is to assist you in supporting vulnerable people.

Food email address

The Community Response Team at Kirklees Council are working to connect people who are involved in local food provision and we're here to offer advice and support. We're encouraging groups and organisations who are thinking about setting up new food provision in our local places to get in touch and join our network. Staff and partners can also help by sharing new information with us.

Email us at: food@kirklees.gov.uk

Something for the pupils

VE Day - Here are some of the key facts about VE Day



The VE in VE Day stands for Victory in Europe. It was the public holiday of 8th May 1945 to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in [World War 2](#). Friday 8 May is the 75th anniversary of Victory over Europe, to mark the defeat of Germany by the Allied forces in World War 2. The nation will join together to commemorate the service and sacrifice of the WWII generation then and now.

Normally VE day is commemorated with street parties, parades and concerts, but any public events are cancelled this year in order to obey social distancing rules.

Will you be commemorating at home?

You could make sausage rolls, scones or make bunting in red, white and blue.

More than 1 million people celebrated in the streets of cities, towns and villages in the UK.

Crowds gathered in Trafalgar Square and up The Mall, waiting for [Winston Churchill](#), the wartime Prime Minister, and King George VI to make an appearance on the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

In the United States, Harry Truman, the President, dedicated the victory and celebrations to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who had died just a month before victory in Europe was achieved. Celebrations took place in many US cities, including Chicago, Miami, LA and New York.

In 1995, to mark the 50th anniversary of Victory in Europe was, May Day Bank Holiday in the UK was moved to 8th May. VE Day did not mark the end to all of the fighting associated with World War 2. Japan didn't surrender until 15th August 1945 (or 14th August, depending on time zones).

Japan officially signed surrender documents on 2nd September 1945, effectively bringing World War 2 to a close. This is commemorated as V-J Day (Victory over Japan)



Family quiz

Anagrams of Prime Ministers and Presidents

THAT GREAT CHARMER

HE GREW BOGUS

I'LL CRUNCH THIS NOW

TORY IN LAB

LORD MAD PAINT

Answers are.....Margaret Thatcher, George W Bush, Winston Churchill, Tony Blair and Donald Trump