

The Hawksworth Herald

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Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust

Statement from the ALPT on Education Provision

By the end of the 2019-20 academic year some of our students will have been out of the school environment for 14 weeks. Whilst schools have worked hard to deliver on-line learning throughout the period of closure, alongside the provision of Keyworker School, the Trust recognises that the impact will be significant and will require schools to carefully consider how to accelerate progress for these students and ensure they are able to 'catch-up'.

As a Trust we are committed to ensuring that as many pupils are able to return to school in the autumn in the safest possible way. The Secretary of State for Education has promised guidance for schools on how students are able to return safely in the autumn. The Trust would welcome the publication of this guidance as soon as possible in order to give school leaders time to plan and share those plans with parents.

The Trust welcomes the investment government has outlined to support tuition programmes and additional school funding to support catch-up programmes for cohorts of students and looks forward to seeing more detail. Tuition and 'catch-up' programmes have most impact when they are delivered alongside a school curriculum and are supported by teachers' assessment of the gaps in pupils' learning and how to fill them. It is also essential that these programmes are delivered when all students can be directed to attend any additional sessions as appropriate. For this reason, the Trust believes these programmes are best delivered when schools are in session, next academic year and schools in the Aireborough Learning Partnership Trust will not be running academic catch-up programmes over the summer.

The ALPT does not believe that there should be any expectation from government that schools remain open over the summer, or that staff will work through the summer. If schools are directed to open over the summer break then any provision would be limited by the staffing available. We understand the impact lost education can have on our young people. Our priority and collective focus must now be on developing the best possible provision for students as they return to school in September so that lost time can be made up and the future for our young people protected.

26th June 2020

Headteacher's Comment

Training days

In line with many of the other ALPT schools our two training days planned for the 17th and 20th July 2020 will no longer be training days for staff but normal teaching days (school will only be open for Reception, Year 1, Year 5, Year 6 and children of Keyworkers).

Reports

Due to the continuing Covid-19 precautions we will be emailing the end of year reports to parents. Please email admin@hawksworthceprimary.org the email address you wish your child's report to be sent to no later than Monday 6th July 2020.

Timings

Some Keyworker children who are not booked into Before and After School Club are arriving very early (some at 8:15am). Those keyworker children who are not booked into Before and After School will have to follow the usual school times and will only have access to the playground through the Kestrel side gate at 8:50am. If parents do wish to book Before and After School care for the morning or after school please contact the school office.

Year 6 to arrive at 850am Rec/Year 1 9.05am Keyworkers at 850am (unless booked into Kestrels)

Year 5

Yesterday, I informed Year 5 parents I was planning to give the Year 5 children the opportunity to return to school fulltime before the end of the Summer Term. It would be week beginning 6th July, the daily start time would be 9.10am and finishing at 3.10pm. Due to set 'bubbles' before and after school provision will not be provided to Y5 children as Kestrels staff are only providing provision for children of keyworkers. If you want your Year 5 child to return to school please email admin@hawksworthceprimary.org no later than 5.30pm today.

Star Pupils

Congratulations to our Star Pupils this week! All chosen by their class teachers:

Class 1

Home learner - Amelia L for doing lots of reading and lovely Bear Hunt work. School learner - Olivia McD for great work using rhyming words and much improved cursive handwriting.

Class 2

Holly D - for working extremely hard on all aspects of her Purple Mash online learning. Maryam S - for imaginative ideas in her adventure story

Keyworkers

Charlie M for an outstanding video diary entry linked with our Survival Project, telling us how he survived in his first night in camp and the challenges he faced. Charlie made his diary entry engaging and informative and definitely channelled his inner Bear Grylls!

Erin H has settled into our Keyworker Bubble well this week and has demonstrated maturity and produced excellent written work! She has completed a fantastic information piece around adaptation, created a fantastic model of her zoo enclosure and has gone to new lengths and efforts to make everyone in the bubble feel happy and valued! Well done Erin for truly promoting the Hawksworth values this week!

Class 4

Wilfie M for showing great progress in his times tables score and Lola Bellamy-Armstrong for her brilliant Zoo design. Peter M for his fantastic den building skills based on the *Survival* home learning topic.

Class News

Class 1

This week Class One have been working on the story Stick Man. We have ordered the story and done lots of literacy activities, including some rhyming orienteering outdoors. We enjoyed making rafts with sticks and testing them in the water tray. We worked hard in maths learning time, using analogue and digital clocks. We have enjoyed doing yoga and dance this week and have continued our weekly bible story and RE work. Reception home learners - please look on 'planned activities' on Tapestry for weekly set work. You should be now getting email alerts, please check junk folders. Year 1's - please check emails for planned work and contact us via <u>pics@hawksworthceprimary.org</u> *Mrs Malir and Mrs Metcalfe*

Class 2

Class 2 became explorers themselves this week. We made a mini-me and explored the giant land outside school. We found volcanoes, jungles, mountains, giant Venus Fly Traps and quicksand. It was quite tricky to navigate through all the dangers around us but we all arrived back in class safely... although Emmy did try to escape over the wall into next

door's field! (The mini-me, not the real Emmy!!) In Maths, we have been drawing our own number lines to 20 outside on the ground with chalk and also in our books to help us with addition and subtraction. On Wednesday morning, we had an online Collective Worship with Fr. David via Microsoft Teams. It was so lovely to see him and to worship together. We even blew out the candle all together at the end! *Mrs Oliver*



Class 3

This week in the Key Worker Bubble we have come to the end of our two week Zoo Project. I am thrilled to say each child has graduated with flying colours, and become our very own Key Worker Zoologists! We have learnt all about weight, managed budgets, tackled challenging money word problems. In KS1 we have measured the length and width of animals and enclosures and KS2 have tackled challenging area and perimeter challenges.

In Literacy this week we have written in-depth fact files about adaptation and how our own zoo animal has adapted to survive in its natural environment. We have explored many areas of Science, learning about the animal's diet (omnivore, carnivore and herbivore), habitat, prey or predator (looking at teeth and other predator or prey features) and adaptation features that are unique to each animal.

In Art and DT this week we have designed, evaluated and made a model of our animal enclosures using sustainable and recycled resources. In Art we have done continuous line drawings along with an eye-catching and engaging poster promoting our zoo, exploring 3D and pop out features. *Wrs Dereix*

Class 4

Class 4 have had a fun week with plenty of activity. In addition to our 'Just Dance' exploits each morning, we enjoyed the sun with some active Maths (pictured) where the children had to complete a variety of travelling manoeuvres to reach a destination. They used their scores to calculate the Mean, Median, Mode and Range of strides, forward rolls, sausage rolls, terminator crawls and mini-steps it took the Class to achieve their goal. We have also completed a Zoo project where we had a specific budget to build a Zoo, taking into account the price of each enclosure and also the cost of food for each group of animals. The activities included required the children to use their Maths, Art and Design, Geography and Literacy skills to complete the Zoo within the budget provided. *Mr McGuire*





Kestrels news

This week we have made the most of the beautiful weather by playing and eating snack outside. Charlotte asked if we could make paper 'squishies'! We have all enjoyed Charlotte's great idea and getting creative.



Help needed!

Like many schools we have a very tight budget and the Governors, Mrs Hyde and I take our budgetary responsibilities seriously and spend many hours reviewing the budget, renegotiating commercial contracts and looking at ways to reduce costs where possible etc. For example we have just purchased a new phonics scheme for Early Years and Key Stage 1 with a strongly negotiated reduction of 45% off the overall price (they originally were offering schools a 10% reduction).

Presently we have no furniture in the old 3 classroom but we have made a deal with our usual furniture contact to deliver and supply school with 30 brand new chairs at no cost - this was a very generous. Unfortunately, we had no tables to go with the chairs. However, this week we offered to buy 15 brand new, unwrapped tables (grey tops with blue trim) from a Leeds Primary school at a huge reduction – a bargain I could not dismiss...but the only condition was to organise delivery.

I was wondering if any of our parents have any contacts that could provide a van or know someone willing to transport the furniture for a reasonable fee.

The school we are buying the furniture from is:

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Primary School Lady Pit Lane, Beeston Leeds LS11 6RX



RE News

We enjoyed our first online live collective worship with Father David this week. Each "bubble' tuned in and it was great to see Father David. If you are interested in watching/listening to some bible stories at home, follow this link to watch:<u>https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/stories-with-bob-hartman</u> Father David is also live via his Facebook Page - St Oswald's Church, Guiseley if you would like to join in with home collective worship. Thank you to Mrs I. Metcalfe for organising this and Father David making time to deliver his wonderful collective worship to everyone at school.



The old classroom 3

We have asked the children attending school to suggest an appropriate name for the old Class 3 classroom but we also want our children at home involved too. If they wish to contribute a name please email their suggestion to <u>admin@hawksworthceprimary.org</u> So far we have the following:

The Attic The Loft The Haven The Eyrie (a large nest of an eagle or other bird of prey) The Lookout



Music News

Last Friday we all tuned in and enjoyed a live 'Virtual Big Sing along' with celebrity guests singing. I know some of you tuned in at home too and we're really pleased to hear you enjoyed it as much as we did at school.

Best wishes and thank you for your continued support. *Wr Dale Norris*

Headteacher

