



Good Shepherd Newsletter

Monday 27th April 2020

Saying hello

For the last two weeks, we have been ringing every family in the school just to say hello. If you are not able to get to the phone please don't worry, there is no need to ring back as we are running on a skeletal staff and there will not be anyone in the school office.

Love reading but need something new to read?

Croydon Libraries have lots of free resources available through their digital virtual library. You can access 1000s of eBooks, eAudio, digital magazines, newspapers and comics, plus other online resources, all for free! Please visit: <https://bit.ly/CroydonDigiLib>

For Harry Potter fans, we have #HarryPotteratHome until 30th April. Just visit: <https://bit.ly/CroydonHPatHome>

All that's needed is a Croydon Library card. Anyone who hasn't got a card can join instantly via the library catalogue – please go to: <https://bit.ly/JoinCroydonLibraries>

There are also some lovely books to read for free online. Try: <https://sooperbooks.com/bedtime-stories/>

Audible have free audio books to listen to :<https://stories.audible.com/discovery>

The police officers from the Croydon Schools' Team have recorded themselves reading their favourite children's books especially for us. Find them on the website in the 'Fun things to do @ home' section.

Remember to look on the website for :

Home learning - Children should be doing a little work every day at home.

Fun things to do @ home - There are new ideas each week of things to do at home plus a Picture News topic for you to discuss as a family.

www.goodshepherdprimaryschool.co.uk/Pupils-Introduction

Contacting school

If you need to get an important message to the school, please email office@goodshepherd.croydon.sch.uk

Alternatively, text the school mobile number **07948 351 132.**

A prayer for your family

Perhaps you could remind your children to start their day with the same prayer we always start our school day with:

Dear Lord Jesus, we shall have this day only once; before it is gone, help us to do all the good we can, so that today is not a wasted day. Amen

The Catholic Children's Society have developed some videos which provide short meditation sessions for children while they are at home. There are new videos every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

<https://www.cathchild.org.uk/meditation-with-children-young-people/>

*Have a good week and stay safe,
Mrs Day*

Respect

Responsibility

Determination

Positivity

Teamwork

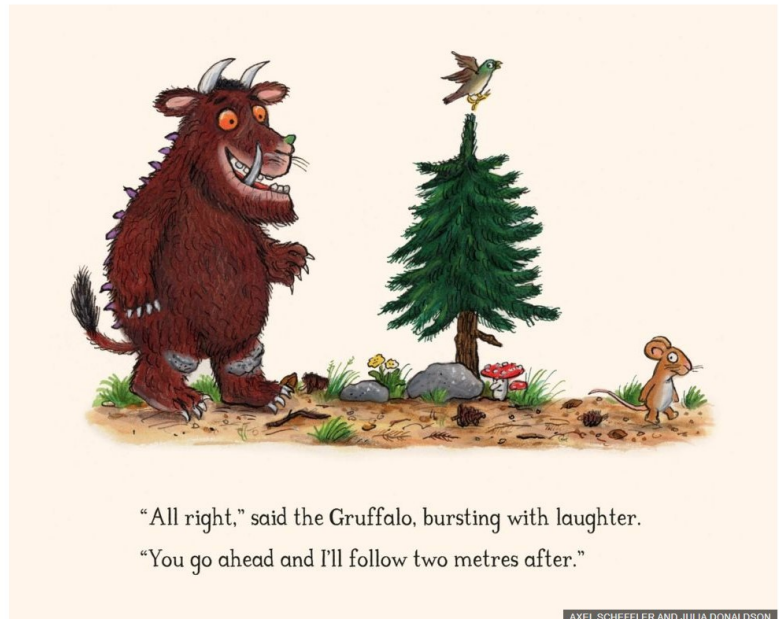
More ideas for home learning

The Government have produced a list of useful resources for home learning:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>.

Oak Academy is a brand-new enterprise created by teachers and backed by government grant funding. It provides 180 video lessons each week across a broad range of subjects for every year group from Reception through to Year 10 <https://www.thenational.academy/>.

The BBC is delivering an education package across TV and online, featuring celebrities and teachers – helping to keep children learning and supporting parent <https://www.bbc.co.uk/>.



Other activities

There are lots of free learning resources designed to keep children and engaged during the lockdown.

London Zoo has a home learning site with resources for Nursery through to KS3 broken down by group. Resources range from colouring sheets for younger learners, through to invertebrate identification and habitat/ecosystems worksheets for older pupils

<https://www.zsl.org/learning-resources>

Tilgate Nature Centre in Crawley, West Sussex has a daily output of new resources to help home learning. There are educational videos, packs and structured plans covering science curriculum objectives and a range of other subject areas

<https://tilgatenaturecentre.wordpress.com/home-education-resources-3/>.

Online safety

Many children are using video-chatting apps keep in touch with friends and family. Some of the things parents and carers should think about to make sure their child's experience of video chat is safe and fun:

[Video chatting: a guide for parents and carers of primary school-age children](#)

There are also online safety activities to do with your child:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

Lockdown family survival guide

<https://parentinfo.org/article/surviving-family-life-under-lockdown>