



BEECH HILL NEWS

Friday 26th February 2021



As you will all be aware, we are now preparing to open school for **all pupils in all year groups** from Monday 8th March. I will write to you with more detail of arrangements when planning sessions have been completed.

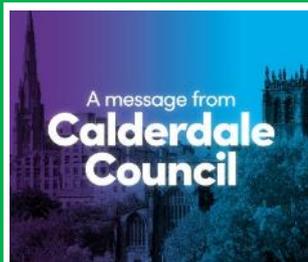
We're working hard on plans to ensure that we maintain a safe environment and help the children to settle back into class and school life. We're also making plans around how our teaching, curriculum and assessment processes can help children make rapid progress to build on their lockdown learning.

New government guidance for schools on the re-opening is very similar to that provided last term and so arrangements for classes will be broadly similar to how they were before Christmas with the one-way system for dropping off and collection, staggered start and finish times, additional hygiene and hand washing in place and children remaining in class bubbles.

We are really looking forward to being back together in full classes and we're glad that there is not too long to wait!

With my very best wishes

Mrs Hussain.



The Government have released a step-by-step plan to ease restrictions cautiously.

During this time, it is essential that we continue with the good habits that reduce transmission: wearing a mask, social distancing and washing hands.

Keep up the good work Calderdale

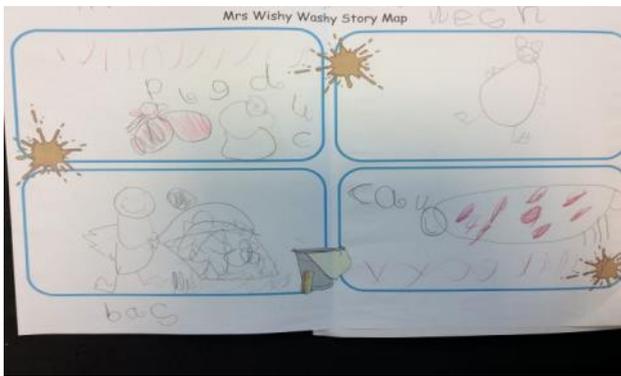
STEP 1 8 March 29 March	STEP 2 No earlier than 12 April At least 5 weeks after Step 1	STEP 3 No earlier than 17 May At least 5 weeks after Step 2	STEP 4 No earlier than 21 June At least 5 weeks after Step 3 All subject to review
EDUCATION 8 MARCH • Schools and colleges open for all students • Practical Higher Education courses	EDUCATION • As previous step	EDUCATION • As previous step	EDUCATION • As previous step
SOCIAL CONTACT 8 MARCH • Exercise and recreation outdoors with household or one other person • Household only indoors 29 MARCH • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors	SOCIAL CONTACT • Rule of 6 or two households outdoors • Household only indoors	SOCIAL CONTACT • Maximum 30 people outdoors • Rule of 6 or two households indoors (subject to review)	SOCIAL CONTACT • No legal limit
BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES 8 MARCH • Wraparound care, including sport, for all children 29 MARCH • Organised outdoor sport (children and adults) • Outdoor sport and leisure facilities • All outdoor children's activities • Outdoor parent & child group (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES • All retail • Personal care • Libraries & community centres • Most outdoor attractions • Indoor leisure inc. gyms (individual use only) • Self-contained accommodation • All children's activities • Outdoor hospitality • Indoor parent & child groups (max 15 people, excluding under 5s)	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES • Indoor hospitality • Indoor entertainment and attractions • Organised indoor sport (adult) • Remaining accommodation • Remaining outdoor entertainment (including performances)	BUSINESS & ACTIVITIES • Remaining businesses, including nightclubs
TRAVEL 8 MARCH • Stay at home • No holidays 29 MARCH • Minimise travel • No holidays	TRAVEL • Domestic overnight stays (household only) • No international holidays	TRAVEL • Domestic overnight stays • International travel (subject to review)	TRAVEL • Domestic overnight stays • International travel
EVENTS • Funerals (30) • Weddings and wakes (6)	EVENTS • Funerals (30) • Weddings, wakes, receptions (15) • Event pilots	EVENTS • Most significant life events (30) • Indoor events: 1,000 or 50% (plus pilots) • Outdoor seated events: 10,000 or 25% (plus pilots) • Outdoor other events: 4,000 or 50% (plus pilots)	EVENTS • No legal limit on life events • Larger events

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Reception

This week Reception have enjoyed their first week back and we have started a new topic called 'Farmyard Hullabaloo'. The story we are reading is Mrs Wishy Washy. We have been making sheep in the creative area and making story maps to retell the story in our Literacy lesson. In maths we have continued to learn about number 8 and practising adding with Part Whole models.



Year 1



It has been another fantastic week for both home learners and school learners. We have started our new book 'The Lion Inside' and children used their imagination to draw the illustration for the first page of the book, using a description to help them. In maths, we have used different vocabulary to compare length and height. Take a look at some of our wonderful work from our home learners.



Year 2

Year 2 have begun their new 'Sun, Sea and Sand' topic by bringing the beach to Beech Hill with their very own Beach Shop! They have been learning all about money and using their knowledge to buy and sell things you would find at the seaside. Take a look at our class shop...



As artists we have created some fantastic seaside landscapes using charcoal. We have used a variety of techniques to shade and create reflection in the water. We have also learnt about the foreground and background. We hope you like our masterpieces!



Year 3

The children at home and at school have all had a special delivery of a letter this week. Flat Stanley has come all the way from Seattle, Washington in the USA!



His family, the Lambchops, want Stanley to learn all about the UK and different parts of the world. They have also sent his story to us so we can read about all his flat adventures! Stanley is also getting out and about to different locations around the UK and indeed the world! Keep an eye on the newsletter each week to find out where he has been. We are all very excited!



Year 4

The children in Year 4 have come back to school and remote learning with lots of enthusiasm this week. We can't wait to have you all back in on 8th March!

Over the half term holiday, we sent out some optional holiday homework to create a model to represent the Stone Age. Here are some of the fantastic pieces of work we received on Seesaw:



Year 5

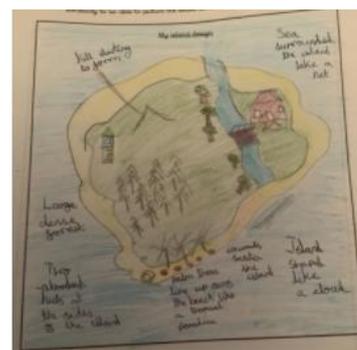
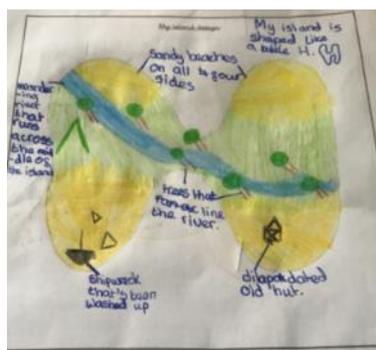
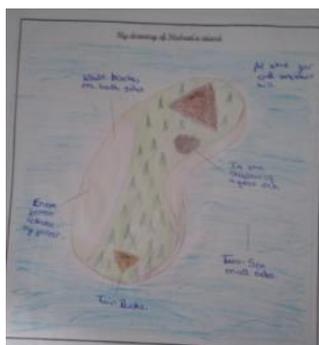


This week in school and at home we have started our brand new topic and English text. This half term we are learning about Early Islamic Civilisations and reading this book (The Golden Horsemen of Baghdad).

The author used to be a teacher in Bradford and the main character is a boy called Jabir. We can't wait to see what adventures he gets up to! We are all LOVING the story so far.

Year 6

We've had a great start to the new half term in year 6 this week. Lots of children are still engaging really well with the remote learning at home and adding their work to Seesaw. We have started a new topic in science this week, which is 'light' and we have begun to look at networks in computing. We are finishing off our 'catch up' unit of measure in maths this week and looking at converting imperial and metric units. In English, we are continuing our work on 'Kensuke's Kingdom' and the children have designed an island and written an island description. We used the description in the book to inspire us.



The Daily Mile

Over the half term we have had a Daily Mile track painted onto our playground. Each day our challenge is to run 12 laps of the playground. This is to support both our physical and mental wellbeing.



Nursery

This week in nursery we have been reading the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. The children have enjoyed making a bear using different materials. They have also enjoyed exploring the bear cave in nursery.



2 Year Olds

In 2s this term our topic is all about Bobbing Along.

We are looking at new books like Shark in the Park, Under the Sea and Ten Little Pirates.

At the moment our children are enjoying dressing up and pretending to be all kinds of different characters from these books. This week we have enjoyed being pirates. We love our new pirate ship we all helped to make.



Flat Stanley

Beech Hill Flat Stanley in Athens, Greece



Beech Hill Flat Stanley went to stay in Athens with Mrs Stummel who used to work at Beech Hill. Here is what he has been up to whilst staying with her and her family...

Stanley has enjoyed his visit to St Lawrence College, near Athens. Sadly, the school is shut to pupils due to lockdown, so he couldn't chat to any of the children. Here is what he got up to:

I showed him round the year 5/6 play area, where he ate his packed lunch.

Sat by the baby olive tree in the school grounds, which is fed with fruit and veg peelings. Incidentally, the bottles hang off the branches to enable them to grow outwards for easier harvesting.

He had a tour of the outdoor swimming pool, a play on the year 3 pirate ship and a visit to one of the year 3 classrooms.



What are Learning Mentors?

The Learning Mentors are an elite team who aim to provide support and guidance to children and young people who are experiencing difficulties in learning due to social, emotional or behavioural problems.

As Learning Mentors we also work closely with families, other staff within the school and professionals from external bodies to help provide that vital link and communication where needed.

Please encourage your children to talk to us if they have any worries or concerns. Also, keep an eye out for our helpful articles in the newsletter.



Picture from left to right: Mr Hussain, Miss Moxon, Mrs Lee, Mrs Hunter
This picture was taken before COVID-19 restrictions were in place.

NOW MORE THAN EVER WE NEED TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING.



Do you know the difference between health and fitness?

Most people believe being healthy and being fit are one and the same thing. In reality, they can be separate states of physical being. You can be really fit, and not very healthy, and you can be very healthy and not very fit.

So let's define the difference between health and fitness:

Health is defined as a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being. It involves making the right health choices in terms of what we eat, how well we sleep, our quality of life and freedom from pain and stress.

Fitness, on the other hand, involves activity of some sort that stimulates various systems of the body and maintains a certain condition within the body. Fitness is made up of many components such as stamina, power, strength, endurance, balance, speed, agility and so on.

We reap the benefits when we can balance the two.

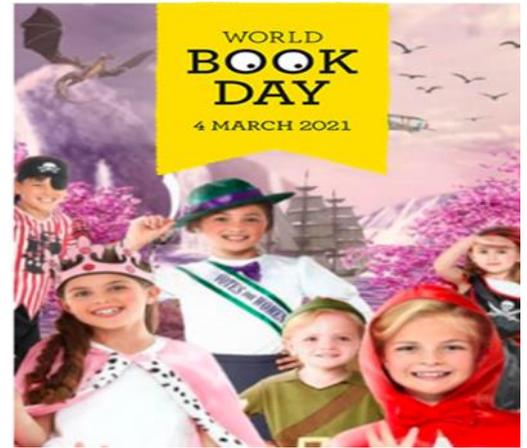
Mr Hussain's Top Tips

- * Start the day with a healthy breakfast. It refuels the body and provides energy for the day.
- * Drink plenty of fluids. Choose water, low-fat or non-fat milk and low calorie drinks.
- * Eat together as a family as often as possible.
- * Take time eating and chew slowly. It takes 20 minutes for the brain to tell the body that you are full.
- * Include physical activity in your daily routine. Walk as a family when you can.
- * Be active in the home. For example, you can dust, vacuum, play with a ball in the garden or even just dance to your favourite song. These activities are good ways to burn calories.
- * Limit TV, computer and video game time to less than 2 hours per day. Encourage physical activity instead.

World Book Day 2021

This year, we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 4th March 2021.

World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of books and reading so we would like to make the most of this special occasion. We would like to invite children to come to school or dress up for their Zoom lessons dressed as their favourite book character. The costume can be as simple or as elaborate as you like! Both home and remote learners will take part in various World Book Day activities focusing on celebrating famous poets. Our Poet in Residence will also be joining us next week, and will be using poetry to promote mental health and wellbeing.



Thanks to National Book Tokens and lots of lovely book publishers and booksellers, all children at Beech Hill will receive a £1 World Book Day book token. The £1 book tokens can then be swapped for an exclusive, new and completely FREE World Book Day books available from participating booksellers or used to get £1 off any full price book or audiobook instead (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99). World Book Day book tokens will be valid from **Thursday 18th February - Sunday 28th March 2021**. Although booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28th March while stocks last.

Noah's Ark Centre

Safe Haven and Place of Hope



Noah's Ark Centre Debt Advice are working on a project looking to provide advice and guidance to families that are struggling at the moment. It is called **Never Hungry Again**.

They look to support families in getting to a better place financially, providing guidance and advice on:

- Finances
- Emergency Food Support
- Budget Planning
- Support/Provide Payment for Utility Bills
- Employment/Learning

For more information about the services that Noah's Ark provide, please visit their website.

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