



# Weekly Family Bulletin

Monday 8th June 2020

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## School update

As you know, Sheffield schools remain open for the children of key workers and vulnerable children, but were instructed not to open any wider by the Council until at least 15th June. The Director of Public Health in Sheffield is due to review this over the next couple of days.

Please note - If the decision is made for schools to open to larger numbers of children, we would be unable to accommodate wider additional year groups in our school whilst the current guidance on social distancing is in place (due to our small classrooms and needing 2 metres in between desks etc.)

As soon as we know more and are able to plan for our school, we will, of course, share this with you.

## Transition in preparation for September

We know that moving to the next class or phase of education is exciting, but can sometimes also be challenging. We understand that the current situation itself brings additional uncertainties, but we just want you to know that we are here to support wherever we can to help your child's next steps be really positive ones!

Although transition will need to look a little different this year, everyone is committed to making sure that both parents/carers and children feel as confident as possible about a child's next steps - whether this is within our school, or between different schools. We are organising opportunities to increase the children's confidence and familiarise them with their new classroom and staff, for parents/carers to find out information and make contact with staff, and for staff to become familiar with the children and their families.

### **In school transition**

Our staffing plans are in the process of being finalised so we shall be able to share information over the next few weeks about your child's class teacher from September. We are thinking creatively and developing ways in which teachers are able to communicate with you and the children, instead of spending time in classrooms with them as we would normally do. Please be assured there will be an opportunity for teachers to say hello to you and your child, and for all the relevant information to be shared with you in preparation for the move to the new year group.

## Year2 to Year3

A letter from Halfway Junior School was emailed to parents/carers of our Y2 children last week to tell them about the timeline for transition to Y3 in preparation for September.

Y3 transition packs will also be posted out to you this week (you can hand these in directly to the Junior School - details inside the pack). Later this month, Y2 parents will be invited to a video meeting via Zoom to find out about the information that is usually shared at the Transition Meeting, including a virtual tour of school and an opportunity to meet the teacher.

## New starters in nursery (F1)/reception (F2)

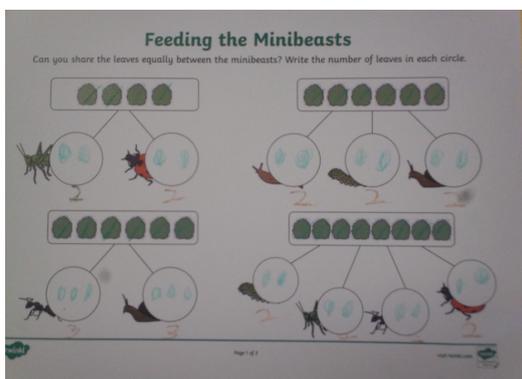
Very similar processes are in place for children who will be new to our nursery and F2 in September. A few weeks ago we sent letters to welcome new families to our school, and we are busy preparing transition packs to share with new starters. Our staff are also making individual phone calls to homes to find out a little more about the children and what makes them special (as we are unable to conduct home visits this year due to the current restrictions). We will also be preparing videos to welcome our new parents/carers and children and to help them to become familiar with school and staff.

## Learning Packs

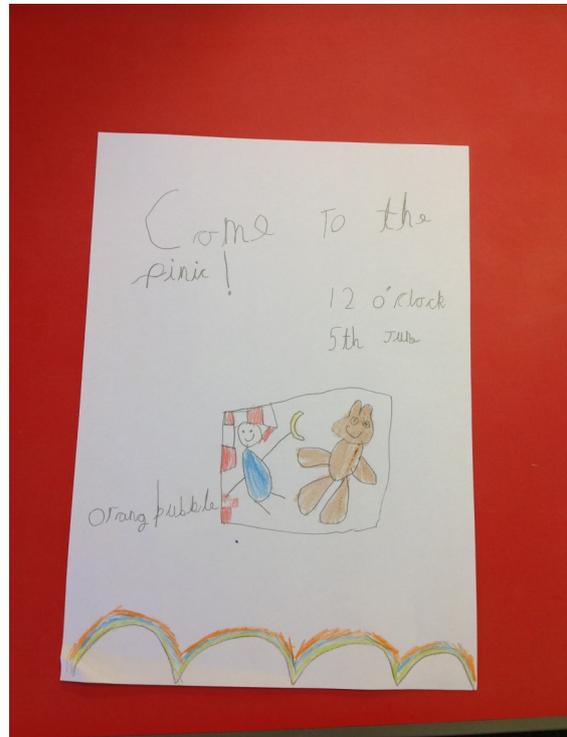
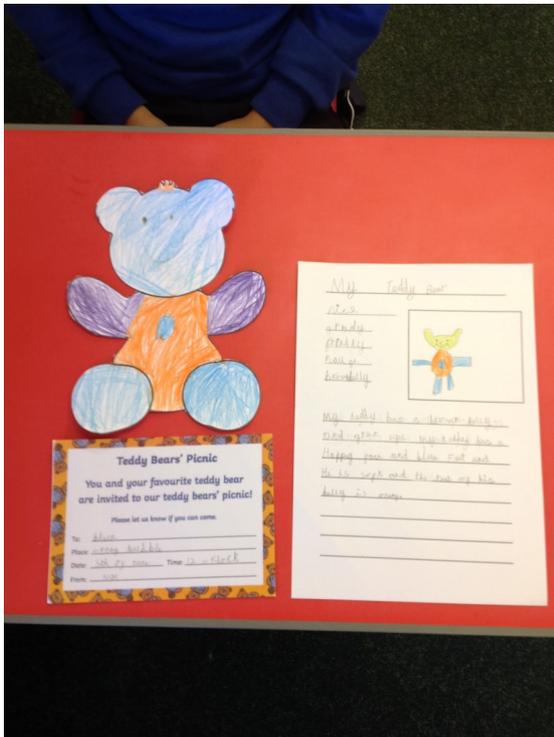
Please be assured that pupils in school are working through the same learning materials that you can access at home on the Learning Packs pages of the school website. Please contact your child's class teacher should you have any questions or concerns.

As it is difficult for parents/carers whose children are attending school to discuss feedback with staff on the gate (due to staggered start/end times etc.), please contact the school office if you would like to arrange to speak with staff in your child's bubble/group. Staff will also email or ring you if there is anything they would like to discuss.

Here are a few photos of the learning that children completed in school last week. We love to see what you've been doing at home too on Twitter, so please keep sharing this with us as it's wonderful to see you all learn and grow!



## School learning pictures contd



## Bug Club

It's great to see so many children accessing Bug Club at home via Active Learn. We love looking at how many books the children have read and how they are doing with the Bug Club quizzes. Teachers are logging in regularly to update the book allocations.

If you are unsure of your child's login details (F2, Y1 and Y2) please get in touch via [homelearning@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@halfway-inf.sheffield.sch.uk).

### **What actions are being taken to try and reduce the risk of infection in schools?**

In all education settings, preventing the spread of coronavirus involves dealing with direct transmission (for instance, when in close contact with those sneezing and coughing) and indirect transmission (via touching contaminated surfaces). Whilst we cannot remove the risk of infection in school, a range of approaches and actions are used to try to reduce the risk of transmission of infection :

- Minimising contact with anyone who is unwell by ensuring anyone with coronavirus symptoms, or who have someone in their household who does, does not attend;
- Cleaning hands more often than usual - washing hands thoroughly for 20 seconds with running water and soap and drying them thoroughly (alcohol hand rub is also available);
- Promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach;
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces often;
- Minimising contact through our school environments/classrooms (e.g. use of separate desks, resources etc.) and also the timetable (e.g. staggered break times).

Unlike older children and adults, early years and primary age children cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff. In deciding to bring more children back to early years and schools, the government has taken this into account and schools should, therefore, work through the measures explained above i.e.:

- avoiding contact with anyone with symptoms;
- frequent hand cleaning and good respiratory hygiene practices;
- regular cleaning of settings;
- minimising contact and mixing

### **Superheroes in schools help to fight back!**

To support the message of social distancing and good hygiene among young children in school and childcare settings, the Council has created 3 age appropriate characters and an animation as resources.

'6 Feet Pete' and '2 Metre Rita' are superheroes fighting the villain 'Colonel Coronavirus'. Attached to this newsletter, are a handwashing poster and colouring sheet for you to download and use at home!

Don't forget to  
**Wash your hands!**



**1**  
Palm to palm



**2**  
Between fingers



**3**  
Back of hands



**4**  
Base of thumbs



**5**  
Back of fingers



**6**  
Fingernails

**Rita says:** Remember to wash your hands:



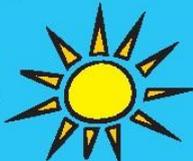
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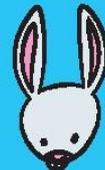
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the toilet



coughing  
or sneezing



playing  
outside



handling  
pets

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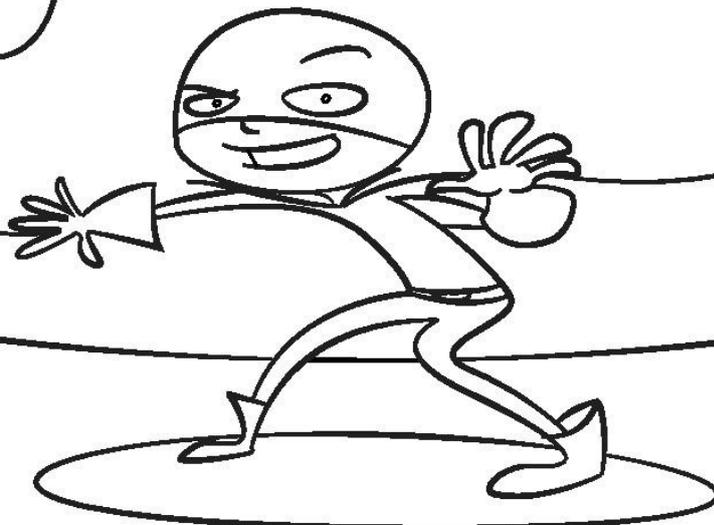


eating snacks  
or lunch



colour me in!

6 Feet  
Pete



colour me in!

# 2 Metre Rita

