Hello from school

We’d like to thank all parents who sent such kind messages informing us how well their children are getting on with learning at home. As you will know, the remote learning approach is a government requirement for all schools. We are delighted that so many of our children are embracing it. Please can we remind parents that unless they have informed school that they require a paper pack, it is assumed that their children are accessing remote learning successfully. If you have requested a paper pack, please ensure that it is picked up.

Freezer of love

The Longtable’s, Freezer for Love meals from The Arkell Centre. There is a range of meals; meat, vegetarian and vegan. They are on a ‘pay if you can’ system with no pressure to pay. They are open Monday 2-30pm - 4-30pm and Friday 11am - 1pm. The meals are available for individuals and families of all ages.

Remembrance day

As it is Remembrance Day, staff at school held a 2 minutes silence at 11am. If you would like to do something at home, why not take the opportunity to create some poppy art.

Hattie Y6

I am extremely proud of Hattie’s work ethic at home. And her perseverance with using a laptop. Having to use a device made this frustrating for her to start with but is now using it like a pro! Her typing speed is almost the same as mine already! And a big thank you to Miss Waterworth for brilliantly organised online work and support throughout each day!

Elin Y1

Elin has done 4 sentences of her story, maths, and letters and sounds already this morning with minimal fuss and intervention. Thank you Mrs Tyler-Sell for her help and advice.

Pickford’s Y3 & Y5

Ben and James are hard at work! Many thanks to Miss Baker and Miss Cullimore for their hard work from Helen, Ben & James’s mum.

Hattie’s Mum

T4U boxes

A huge thank you for the beautiful 63 shoeboxes we delivered on Friday afternoon.

Value Badges

Nasir, Hollie, Ivy, Clem and Theo, Mrs. Hynes was very impressed by the hard work you showed when learning your common exception words. You definitely deserve a perseverance badge. I just want to let you know that Elsie (Bartlett) has made poppies and sold them to raise money for the Royal British Legion. She was selling them for £2 each and is giving £1 from each one to the charity. She has raised £30!

I would like to nominate her for a badge. Elsie’s mum.

Learning packs

All packs are available for collection if you have not already done so.

We would like to thank Pippa Russell who has delivered a large number of learning packs around the neighbourhood, we are very appreciative.
**Year 1**

In year 1 we are continuing our ‘Black History’ theme and drafting stories about a girl who was told that she could not be Peter Pan in the school play because she was a girl and she was black. While still in school, we had some very thoughtful discussions about why this was not right and that we should all be supported to do or be whatever we want to do or be, as long as it does not hurt others. A deep discussion point for Year 1, but they all rose to the challenge of thinking this through. We hope that you are all able to access the work set and that the work packs are proving useful. It was lovely to hear about what the children have been doing during their time at home and we cannot wait to see the lovely things they have been making, linked to our zoo topic. Take care everyone!

**Year 2**

This week in Year 2 we have been looking at the story of 'The Tiger Who came to tea', we have been writing descriptions about the tiger and writing letters to the tiger asking what his favourite food is.

We have lots of great work shared on folders and we really appreciate all of the support from home.

We also meet everyone morning on teams to say hello and talk about the plans for the day, its so lovely to hear everyone and keep some form of routine for Year 2.

**Year 3**

This week Year 3 have taken on the challenge of learning online! So far, we have continued writing our Egyptian paragraphs for our Egyptian Fact books, all ready to publish back at school. In Maths, we have been learning how to round numbers to the nearest 10 and nearest 100 – this will really help us with estimating our answers and checking our work. In Topic, we had great fun writing our own secret messages on a hieroglyphic typewriter! I know it’s hard not to see all of our class in person but we have great fun at 9am every morning on call where we get to say good morning to everyone! Come and join us, Year 3!

**Year 4**

Year 4 have been amazing at adapting to the situation at school and have produced some brilliant work at home. There has been plenty of column addition, times tables and arithmetic practise going on as well as some lovely pieces of work on Mary Seacole! Well done to all you year 4’s who are putting your efforts into the home learning and using your time productively. Remember to keep reading lots and support your adults at home by listening well. Special well done to Rares, who has been working very hard and also to Michael, who I know has been reading for England (or maybe Scotland)! Keep working hard year 4 and we will see you back at school when we are all allowed. Mr Walton.

**Year 5**

Year 5 have adapted well to online learning or learning at home this week - a big well done to everyone! We have been practicing our writing, spellings and maths online and have continued our New York city topic. We have learnt more about the daring high wire walk completed by Philippe Petit between the Twin Towers in 1974, creating our own time lines of his life. We’ve also found out about some other landmarks of New York city, including the Empire State building which we had a go at drawing! Bingxi’s drawing and Lauren constructing.....great work.

**Year 6**

This week, Year 6 have been working hard on Teams to complete their work. They have engaged fantastically with remote learning and enjoy joining the meetings and sharing their learning on posts. In English, they have been writing descriptive paragraphs based on the text, ‘The black hat’. For the next two weeks, we’ll be researching the amazon rainforest.

We also did a 2 minute silence for Remembrance Day.

Can we remind parents to reiterate to children that teams is a place to work and that posts should be work specific, when they desperately need help and not a place to commentate on their every move.
Beau was really sad that he didn’t get the chance to play with the Stars of the Week on Friday. He is looking forward to seeing all of the children together again and having more playtime then!
2020 is The Big Green Draw Festival #ClimateOfChange and is about our relationship with our environment and ecosystems, looking at how we live and how we can harmonise with nature and the Earth. The Big Draw is 20 this year! So why not join in with the biggest drawing festival with us at the Museum in the Park.

Help make a collection of beautiful butterflies!

Enjoy creating a butterfly from nature at home, then send it to us so we can show it as part of a Community Exhibition at The Museum in the Park in 2021.

You could take inspiration from real butterflies you saw this Summer, or from the amazing photograph by Theo Deproost (see above) showing a tropical butterfly from The Museum in the Park’s collection.

Your butterfly could contain a secret message too ... perhaps a wish for the future, or ideas, hopes and dreams for making our world a kinder place for both people and planet. Anyone can have a go and there’s plenty of time, just make sure your butterfly is no bigger than A5 in size and enjoy making it!
Butterflies from Nature

1. Look out of the window, isn’t it beautiful out there. So why not head out into nature, into the park or on a walk near where you live.

2. Take a bag with you and collect different coloured and shaped leaves, sticks, seed heads, flower petals, pine cones, conkers, berries and anything you can find on the ground. Please don’t pick anything unless it’s in your garden.

3. Once you’re home clear a space and find yourself a piece of plain paper or card no bigger than A5 (1/2 the size of a piece of ordinary A4 printer paper)

4. Lay out your leaves, sticks and berries around you and use them to create your butterflies. What kind of wings do they have? What is the body made from? Do they have long antennae? How many combinations can you do?
Remember to photograph them and send them to us at museum@stroud.gov.uk and post them on social media with the #ClimateOfChange #theBigDraw2020

How many new species can you make?
The possibilities are endless so get your imaginations going and have some fun!