

Potter Street Academy News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to thank all parents and carers for their efforts in supporting children with their home learning set so far. You have done an amazing job to date in times which are frightening and daunting to all of us. We know that teaching your children at home poses its challenges, so we hope that you have found the individual parent emails sent from teachers useful and supportive. Whilst staff are working remotely from home, they continue to show great commitment to your child's well being and academic learning in these unprecedented times. Potter Street families are fortunate to have such great teachers and I am sure you will join me in thanking them for their hard work and efforts whilst they too are also trying to manage with their own families and needs.

Getting a balance between home learning and family life

We are aware that many parents and carers are trying their hardest to complete home learning on a daily basis during normal school hours. However, we understand this may also not be possible for different reasons such as trying to help out family members with shopping, getting medicine etc. We **are not** expecting you to work to a normal school timetable and strongly advise against this. Working at home for your child is very different to working at school so please follow these tips which we hope will help you to keep your sanity.

Break up the school day - Start the day with some exercise of any form together. Continue to join Joe Wicks for his morning workout online. If you miss it, do not worry. Running around the garden or some jogging or dancing to some music is just as good. It is really important that your child keeps active for their mental health and well being so the more they do this, the better they will be able to concentrate on other learning tasks.

Little and often - Home learning tasks should be done in small chunks rather than in one long session. Children are used to having breaks of some sort in between lessons at school so they will need this at home with you too.

Have regular healthy snack breaks in between completing learning tasks and get them to do this away from any work area you may have set up. Get them to go into a different room if possible or whilst the sun is shining go out into the garden if you have one.

Spend time together as a family - Build in an afternoon in a school week where you watch a film together, play a board game, draw a picture, cook something, do something different than tasks set from teachers.

Compromise - You will need to compromise with children a lot in these very different and difficult times. Do not get into battles with them as this will not be good for your well being or for your child.

Set up some routines - Children thrive on routine at school and need it for their own sense of purpose to regulate their behaviours. Try making a timetable with your child for school days so they differ from weekend days. We use timetables here in school and children love them because they know what is happening throughout the day. In times where we are all faced with a number of things being out of our control, give them some control over their day. Please contact your class teacher who will support and advise you in devising a timetable for your child if you need help.



Other resources to access at home

Whilst you have access to work on our website for your child, there are also a number of organisations who have set things up for families and children to access.

Please see end section – **Online Resources**, courtesy of Miss Head from Purford Green Primary School for what is out there online and look at these below.

Free musicals and plays you can stream during the Coronavirus outbreak
<http://www.filmedonstage.com/>

Authors reading stories

The Big List of Children's Authors doing online Read Alouds and Activities - information about authors reading books online and how to access this <https://www.weareteachers.com/>

There are also audio books available for free on <https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com>

Workbooks for children

We have been made aware that some parents have not got a workbook for their child to complete home learning in. We know some of you were self-isolating at the end of last week when these were sent out by teachers and may not have been able to collect this from the office as requested last week when school closed.

Please let your class teacher know if you need a workbook for your child and we will do our best early next week, to deliver these to you at home by placing them outside of your door.

Parent Feedback

Next week, we will be inviting parents to complete an online survey about your child's home learning and your experiences so far so that we can take into account any suggestions you might have for this to work better.

Community matters

We hope that you can all join in with our local sing from bedroom windows at 5pm Friday 27th March to show our appreciation for all of our local NHS workers. Please fly your banners, posters or signs to express thanks and it would be fantastic, if you follow us on Twitter if you could upload and tweet out any photos or videos of you and your children singing. If you do not follow us on twitter, maybe this is your time to explore this social media platform.

Keep safe and if you need to make contact about any non-class based queries, please email using the usual office email please.

Online Resources

Stories online to listen to and enjoy

David Walliams – Awful Aunty
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yaK3eLBR_jw&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=5&t=0s

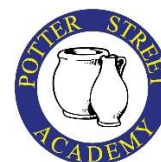
B.J. Novak
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cREyQJO9EPs&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=8&t=0s>

Nancy Carpenter – Lucky Ducklings
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3BEP_NDPoQo&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=15&t=0s

LeUyen Pham – Shoe-la-la!
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sixyvc6gAQOQ&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=16&t=0s>

Yuyi Morales – Nino Wrestles the World
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hv0NFSQrOeRU&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=14&t=0s>

Judy Schhachner – Bit & Pieces
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cez5CY8IjWE&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=19&t=0s>



Jerry Pinkney – I want to be

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bQqDrX0hy_U&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=20&t=0s

Jeff Kinney – Passage from Diary of a Wimpy Kid

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p3zpW8BhyrA&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=21&t=0s>

Harry Bliss – Bailey

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bChrRng6s3I&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=23&t=0s>

Alex Sxheffler – Stick Man

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yftt6EN74gQ&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=24&t=0s>

Herve Tullet – Help! We need a title

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8k0Z7zLxwNw&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=26&t=0s>

Mem Fox – Good Night, sleep Tight

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HvrBAZfThc&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=29&t=0s>

Jez Alborough – Nat the Cat’s sunny smile

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0fu_J_8m-Ho&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=34&t=0s

J. Patrick Lewis – Animal poetry

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZJWf1HgiAnA&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=39&t=0s>

Eric Carle – The Hungry Caterpillar

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NWfy2CC8few&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=40&t=0s>

Dave Shelton – A boy and A Bear in a Boat

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=66S75cQhGxw&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=41&t=0s>

Oliver Jeffers – Stuck

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hipx6HJs4XQ&list=PLEA3D5C281A1511A3&index=42&t=0s>

Cbeebies Bed time stories

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yRpTgV-k9j8&list=PLoOc9M0VgduON_PbVYOlgieLPyN_0VHIk

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRrUf6dRomc&list=PLoOc9M0VgduMSXfQCIOldCEGWAMOReVSV>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IXBTR6g8b60&list=PLoOc9M0VgduN99lg-QI1lvQFqi46e6vo5>

Check these out too:

Oliver Jeffers – nightly reading

<https://www.oliverjeffers.com/books#/abookaday/>

Mo Willems – read and draw along (Lunch Doodle) <https://www.kennedy-center.org/mowillems>

David Walliams activities and audio books:

https://www.audible.co.uk/ep/title?asin=0008385661&source_code=M2M30DFT1BkSH11181400KK&&ipRedirectOverride=true

www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/activities/

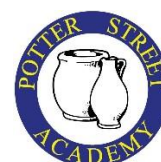
<https://www.worldbookday.com/storytime-online/>

<https://kidsactivitiesblog.com/>

<https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/watch>

https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=natasha+lamb

<https://storytimefromspace.com/>



Zoowebcams:

<https://www.dublinczoo.ie/animals/animal-webcams/>

<https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/panda-cam/>

<https://www.paigntonzoo.org.uk/explore/webcams>

<https://nationalzoo.si.edu/webcams>

<https://www.houstonzoo.org/explore/webcams/>

NASA Cam

https://www.nasa.gov/multimedia/nasatv/iss_ustream.html

