



## Weekly Newsletter Friday January 15th 2020

<p><b>Message from the Headteacher</b></p> <p>This week I read a story to the older children called <b>My Hero is You</b>. I am including the link to the story here because parents of younger children may want to share it. It's a wonderful uplifting story. Children, families and staff of William Davis are facing difficult times. This story might help your children. <a href="#">My Hero is You, Storybook for Children on COVID-19</a>. We have also started reading stories from <b>The Book of Hopes (available to read for free online)</b>. You may like to share these stories with your children.</p>	<p><b>Free School Meal Vouchers</b></p> <p>Parents of children eligible for FSM will receive a meal voucher fortnightly during school closure. Collection day is this Friday 15th January.</p>
<p><b>Stars of the Week</b></p> <p><b>Yr 6</b> for fantastic stories and the best day yet on Thursday!</p> <p><b>Yr 6 Esther</b> for persevering and keeping going</p> <p><b>Yr 6 Uthman</b> for a great monster story</p> <p><b>Yr 6 Summer</b> for a huge improvement in engagement</p> <p><b>Yr 6 Rezwan</b> for a great monster story he really pushed himself</p> <p><b>Yr 6 Ibrahim</b> for great reading and English work - especially drawing his own timeline on google classroom</p> <p><b>Yr 5 Abid-</b> for working hard to respond to feedback and improve his work.</p> <p><b>Yr 5 Hakima</b> for providing great detail in her topic work</p> <p><b>Yr 4 Dhanyaal</b> joining the on-site provision and showing a really positive attitude</p> <p><b>Yr 4 Sumaya</b> for getting all of her remote French work correct</p> <p><b>Yr 3 Zaina</b> for a great effort with her English work</p> <p><b>Yr 3 Yasin</b> for positivity, enthusiasm, a good effort and perseverance.</p> <p><b>Yr 2 Youcef</b> for working really hard at home and really pushing himself with creative writing</p> <p><b>Yr 2 Ahyan</b> for working really hard at home and really pushing himself with creative writing</p> <p><b>Yr 1 Scarlett</b> for a huge improvement in engagement</p>	<p><b>January deadline - Reception applications</b></p> <p>Deadline 15th January Please call Forida if you need help completing the form.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Home Learning</b></p> <p><b>Let us know how it's going</b></p> <p>Please let us know how home learning is going for your children. -What is going well ? -What could be better? -Are we setting too little or too much?</p> <p><b>Checking work</b></p> <p>Charlotte and I are checking the children's tasks every day. We monitor if your children register on time and if they submit all their tasks.</p> <p><b>Reminders</b></p> <p>We have had to phone a few families again this week to remind parents that children should be working. It would be fantastic if we can get every WD child completing their work every day - to a really high standard.</p> <p><b>Support sessions</b></p> <p>We will invite a few children in for a support session weekly- if they don't understand the tasks.</p> <p><b>Contact us on the admin email or phone to discuss.</b></p> <p><b>Important dates</b></p> <p><b>Spring term</b> <b>Mon 15th Feb- Fri 19th Feb</b> -half term holiday</p> <p><b>March (date tbc)</b> Curriculum + RSE mtg for parents</p> <p><b>Fri 26th March</b> - school finishes</p> <p><b>Mon 29th March to Fri 9th April</b> 2021 Easter holidays</p> <p><b>Summer term 2020-2021</b> <b>Mon 12th April</b> 2021 school starts</p> <p><b>Mon 31st May- Fri 4th June</b> 2021 half term holiday</p> <p><b>Thur 22 July 2021</b> school finishes (3 INSET days still to be confirmed)</p> <hr/> <p><b>Improve the quality</b></p> <p>Please check your children's work before it's submitted to ensure that</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- they have finished it</li> <li>- it is high quality</li> </ul> <p><b>Typing</b></p> <p>We are noticing that children are finding the typing difficult; we will try to find a way to build in more pencil tasks.</p> <hr/> <p><b>Headphones</b></p> <p>Please can children on site bring in home headphones.</p>

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## WD Wrap Around Care

Wrap around Care is available for children of critical workers during lockdown. Contact Forida on the admin email if you want to book sessions.

### Charges:

#### WD Start the Day

£1 for non FSM & no charge for FSM children.

#### WD Play (1 hour/ 2 hours)

£5/ £8 Yrs Rec-Yrs 6

£7/£10 Nursery

## Parent Governors

We have decided to proceed with the parent governor election- we have some fantastic candidates.

Charlotte will be in touch with candidates in order to ask them to prepare statements to share with parents. She will distribute voting papers to all parents which will need to be returned to school for a “count”.

## Food for needy families

The social enterprise cafe **The Canvas** is opening its doors this Friday ( 15th January) 12-2 pm to give away free essential items such as pasta, tinned vegetables and cereal. They're situated at 42 Hanbury Street, E1 5JL.

## February deadline - Nursery applications

Deadline 16th February  
Please call Forida if you need help completing the form.

## Times for provision wb 18 1 21

For those attending school provision  
**wb 18th January**  
Monday 18th January 9:00-12:45  
Tuesday 19th January 9:00 - 3:30 –  
ASC ( return to normal hours)

## POETRY BY HEART

### An emerald is as green as grass by Christina Rossetti

An emerald is as green as grass;  
A ruby red as blood;  
A sapphire shines as blue as heaven;  
A flint lies in the mud.  
A diamond is a brilliant stone,  
To catch the world's desire;  
An opal holds a fiery spark;  
But a flint holds fire.

Buried in this short poem, almost in the middle, is a **flint – a hard, grey stone** used in the past for tools and to start fires. The flint is very different to the precious stones which the poet helps us picture using similes and clear descriptions.

## Big Question of the Week

Christina Rossetti describes precious stones and she describes flint in her poem above.



**What does precious mean?**

**What is the most precious thing to you?**

## Felix Project

Felix Project will continue to run on a Friday afternoon 1:30-2:30pm. We will prompt parents with a text. Please maintain social distancing to ensure this is safe. Food is also provided by Magic Breakfast.

## Protect the Community-Covid

Please stay at home if you are symptomatic or if you have had contact with someone positive.

## Beanstalk Reading Volunteers

Beanstalk are recruiting local volunteers to support school children in their reading. Contact Annika or find information on their website if you would like to volunteer. They will provide training and expect a regular weekly commitment.

## Virtual School Tour Video

Please look at our new school tour posted on the homepage of the website. Please show it to your friends, families and neighbours with young children.

## Nursery Opening

The government has changed the guidance and we are now required to open the Nursery. We have communicated with parents of our Nursery

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