



# NEWSLETTER

News updates from Hague Primary School

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020



Dear Parents, Children and Carers

Thank-you for your support this week.

There has been an extra level of challenge for school management and particularly for the children in Year 5 who now need to self-isolate. Their Class Bubble Burst due to one positive test being reported, but it was very good to have quick information so we can all act responsibly. I know the DfE and PHE letters sent by email were quite long with lots of information.

In summary

- **Year 5 children self-isolate at home** for 14 days until the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October. They should log on to Google Classroom by 9:30am each school day. Ekram, class teacher is working and teaching from home; setting work, checking it is handed in, providing support.
- Brothers and Sisters in other classes should still come to school.
- Please don't bring your Year 5 child into school when dropping off your other children. *We know that this is might be difficult for some families especially if there is no-one to look after the Y5 child at home during drop off and collection time. If there is no alternative please let us know, wear masks and maintain 2m distance.*

So far, we know that Year 5 children are fit and well and not affected by the virus. **If your child becomes unwell with symptoms during the isolation weeks please let us know immediately and get a test.**

Thank you to families who are logging in and continuing with learning at home.

- The little bit of good news is that because Year 5 Class Bubble closed, I can now apply for some School Chrome Books from the DfE. They are prioritised for children on the Pupil Premium Register.

**FAQ: Who qualifies for Pupil Premium?** If you receive **Child tax credit**, and have an annual gross income of £16,190 or less. It means you qualify for free School meals based on family circumstances. It does not include working tax credit or receiving *Tower Hamlets Mayor's FSM offer*

Thank you to everyone for completing the online questionnaire about laptops and devices at home. We now know who has and who does not have laptops or learning devices at home. If you have not done it yet, please let us know as soon as possible.

**Everyone should look at the school website for HOME LEARNING information each week to see what is happening in class.** If you are off school for any reason everyone can now catch up. This is one of the great benefits +++ from the virus. We are all thinking **CREATIVELY** how to do things differently which support learning.

I am applying for grants and using our 2020-2021 DfE Catch-Up funding to purchase Chrome Books. My aim is to have one chrome book on loan, per priority family. If possible, extend this to any family if needed. This will cost approx £20,000. If anyone would like to contribute to a Fund for laptops and chrome books for all at Hague, please email me. *Judy Knappett*



Thank you for wearing masks in the playground & when talking with staff.  
Please keep 2m distance

## Dates to Remember

October Half Term Holiday  
Mon 26<sup>th</sup> – Fri 30<sup>th</sup> October  
School opens Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

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## Attendance Alert! Hague Target for the Year 97%.

Class	%	Week 1 fantastic 97%.
Reception	88%	<b>Week 2: 95% Week 3: 93% Week 4: 92% Week 5: 92.5%</b> We know it's not as good as in the past <b>but a very special well done to everyone getting to school a bit early for 'Early Bird Catch-up'.</b>  <b>When we shut the gate at 9am and I go for a learning walk, I can see:</b> hard working children focused on beautiful handwriting and spellings. Number bonds to 10 and 20 with children looking for number patterns and quick, instant recall. Others are reading or doing grammar and punctuation exercises to catch up on the missed learning from the Summer Term.
: Year 1	89%	
Year 2	96%	
Year 3	89%	
Year 4	94%	
Year 5	95%	
Year 6	92%	

**PLEASE NOTE: IF THE CHILDREN ARE OFF SCHOOL SELF ISOLATING THEIR ATTENDANCE STILL COUNTS UNLESS PARENTS PHONE TO SAY THAT THEY ARE ILL WITH COVID SYMPTOMS OR OTHER ILLNESS.** If your child is not ill they are expected to complete the home learning tasks. Please call the office if your child is unwell.

## SCHOOL START TIMES

**We have a SOFT START from 8:45 – 9:00am**

Everyone says they like it. It's another Covid +++

**It is best to arrive between 8:45 & 8:55am so your child makes the most of 'Catch-up' time.**

The WILMOT STREET gate will now shut at 9:00am.

- If children arrive after 9:00am Parents must buzz the office on the intercom at the gate or phone and **say child's name, year group** this is to ensure that they are marked in the register correctly.
- We apologise if the office called to check by mistake and your child was in school. Shutting the gate at 9:00am with intercom access means this problem should be solved.
- If your child is sick, please call the office between 8:00 - 9:00am to let the office know.

**HOME TIME: Reception Finish 3:15pm Years 1-6 Gate Open 3:25PM**

**Thank you for your continued support in keeping everyone safe.**

## Virgin: 'Money Giving Mini London Marathon'

Hundreds of schools (including our Year 5 class) and thousands of children across the country are taking part in the [2020 Virgin Money Giving Mini London Marathon](#).

We (the children), John and class teacher Ekram had to run to complete the 2.6 miles over the week.



With help from our new Moki fitness trackers, we were able to track our runs and easily update our distances just by taping the Moki reader.



We have an enterprising plan, to get fit and sponsored because we'd like to buy some extra wet play games for our class.

'I am very impressed with their business initiative and enthusiasm. Shame the runs have had to be postponed but

I am quite sure Blue Class will be able to continue after half term.' Judy

# REMINDER INFORMATION

## GUIDANCE FOR CHILDREN NOT ATTENDING SCHOOL DUE TO COVID

If your children are off school because of Covid symptoms or seasonal colds please check the school website for information. [www.hague.towerhamlets.sch.uk](http://www.hague.towerhamlets.sch.uk)

- Each class has a tab with links to the weekly time table.
- From September the expectations for pupils have changed.
- Parents are expected to make sure that children keep up and don't fall behind. Especially, if the children are perfectly well and only self-isolating because others in the family have covid symptoms or are now feeling better but still have to stay off for the 10 or 14 days. or have tested positive.
- Have a look at what is on the website for your class especially Google Classroom for KS2. The children know their logins and passwords.
- EYFS and KS1 have website links and focus activities.
- The government has funded National Oak Academy for free. These are high quality video lessons for each year group from Reception to Year 11. Teachers deliver easy to follow lessons, with resources and activities covering most subjects.
- Study Ladder, Bug Club Reading, Accelerated Reader and all the familiar links will still be there from Lock down lessons.
- Each class tab shows you the class weekly timetable. **Please try to follow a routine of home learning so that your child does English, maths, reading and a topic subject each day.** We do not expect you to stick exactly to the school timetable but do complete the tasks that are set by teachers and meet the deadlines for submission.



Teachers are very busy at the moment class teaching and making sure children are happy and well settled. **They are working out each child's learning gaps after 5-6 months off school and their 'catch-up plan,'** They check what the children know and understand from the previous year group before teaching the expectations for the current year. **This is called the Recovery Curriculum.**