

# DKH Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all well and staying safe during this very challenging time. We are indeed all missing you here at school. It has been strange over the last few weeks not talking to all the children, staff and parents every day. However, we have all been busy planning home learning and liaising with staff and families for onsite provision while making sure our community support continues and everyone stays safe. It is not the start to the Summer Term we all imagined but it is the start that we are now all trying to make the most of.

## Home learning

Home learning commenced again on the 20th of April and we will continue to provide weekly updates. Please make sure that you are doing as much of the home learning as you can. The teachers have worked hard to prepare a range of activities but if you feel you need more please do email them. Over the weeks we will continue to look at ways to improve home learning and ensure that all families are able to access the provision, we want to make it as useful as possible whilst not putting too much pressure on parents and families. We want to continue to provide that balance of being supportive and providing an education for the children.

## Onsite provision

The message from the government is to **stay at home, protect the NHS and save lives**. I understand that your child is not getting the education that they deserve or need right now and I hope that we get back to school as quickly as possible but until the government says that it is safe to do so, my message will continue to be that the school will only be open for emergency support.

The categories themselves have not changed and advice from the DFE is you should only send your child into school as an absolute last resort. The categories of children who are attending school are:

- 1) Critical worker families
- 2) Children with a social worker attached to the family
- 3) EHCP children whose basic needs can not be met at home

I am lucky to have staff who are willing to support the national effort and are travelling to school each day to support those families who fit into these categories.

## Community Support

Our community spirit has been heart warming during this time, so many parents have offered to help each other in a range of ways. We have parents who are supporting each other via Whatsapp groups and many parents have donated food items which have been made into parcels for those families in need. If you feel that you need support with food, someone to talk to, help with home learning or are able to offer support to other families, please do contact the school office.

## School Dinners

We have arranged for those families who qualify for Free School Meals through their benefits, to receive weekly supermarket vouchers from Edenred, this will continue until we are advised differently. From the week of the 4<sup>th</sup> of May, we will also be offering all children a daily packed lunch which they are able to collect at school each day between 12:30 and 1:00. This is a Southwark Healthy Lunch and will consist of a sandwich, snack, fruit and water. If you would like your child to have a packed lunch, please complete the survey link which was sent via text message to you today. We need an idea of how many children require a packed lunch before Tuesday each week, so we can order the food for the following week please. Here is the link to book a packed lunch for the week after next. <https://bit.ly/2VOFXaU> . Please note that if you order a packed lunch it will need to be for the whole week, if you are unable to collect lunch on a specific day, please notify the office before 9:30 so we can notify the catering company.

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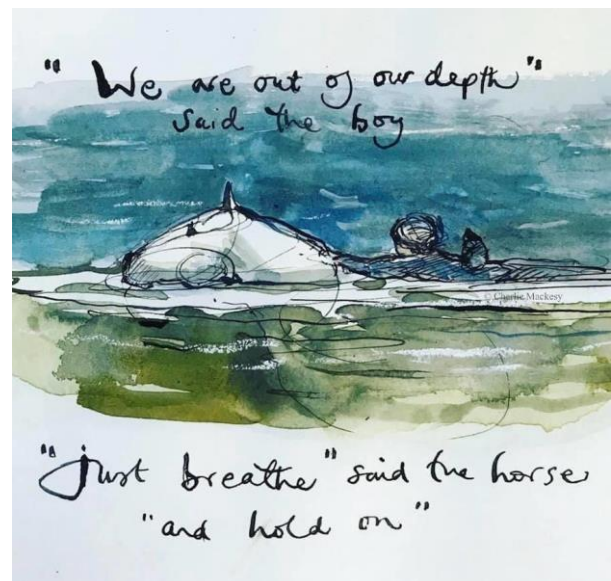
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## The future

A number of parents have asked us if we know when we will re-open. Schools have not had any advance information about these matters. Until we have a confirmed date for children to return, please know that on behalf of the whole staff, we are thinking about you and missing you and looking forward to the time when we can all be together again. We will continue to be here for your children and family and support you in the best possible way. We will follow government advice and be ready to act quickly in accordance to the announcements given. We will continue to provide home learning support, welcome those on site who are eligible to attend, while offering the community support for those who need it.

Thank you for all your support, the kind emails and even chocolates which we have received, please do contact the school if there is anything you need and we will try our best to help and support you as best we can.

Ms L. Hillier  
Head of School



## Reception Place Offers

Families with children due to start school in September 2020, received their school offers this week. A number of the children starting are siblings and from families already part of our community. We are delighted to continue our connection with you and we are very much looking forward to meeting our new families. Our induction programme will look a little different this year, but we hope that it will still do a good job of ensuring that the children are able to settle into school easily.

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## Vouchers for Free School Meals

I would like to apologise to families waiting for the vouchers. Unfortunately, the system that schools order the vouchers through is not able to cope with the demand and so there have been significant delays.

For families who we already have on record as being eligible for Free School Meals, you should receive an email with an eCode. This can be converted into an eGift card for a supermarket of your choice at [www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.freeschoolmeals.co.uk). If you do not receive an email with a code, or if there are any problems please let us know by phone or email.

We have had a large number of families apply for Free School Meals this week. Once we have your application, we will send this to Southwark and they will let us know who is eligible. If you have not yet applied but would like to, please contact the office. We will be in contact with families who have applied as soon as we hear back from Southwark.

Families in receipt of the following benefits can apply:

- o Income Support
- o Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- o Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- o Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- o The guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- o Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- o Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- o Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

## Critical Worker Childcare

The children who have been at school this week have enjoyed making a sign thanking the NHS for their incredible hard work. If you are passing the school, during your daily exercise, you can see it proudly on display on the fence outside. The children also made birthday cards for Captain Tom, have been following Joe Wicks every morning and are now experts at Just Dance!



Miss Shipsey and some of the children spent a morning creating mandalas using things we found in our natural environment. We discussed the symbol of the mandala and how Buddhist monks destroy their mandala once created as 'nothing is permanent'. A good mantra to remember in these current times!





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## Are you on the leaderboard?



1 Zion	Palm	Year 3	Rock Hero	46 Amelia	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend
2 Jeremiah	Elder	Year 3	Rock Hero	47 Joshua	Palm	Year 3	Rock Legend
3 Rashid	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Hero	48 Blessing	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend
4 Bola	Palm	Year 3	Rock Hero	49 Deni	Elm	Year 6	Rock Legend
5 Pelumi	Elm	Year 6	Rock Hero	50 Harrison	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend
6 Gabriel	Elder	Year 3	Rock Hero	51 Jia Jie	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend
7 David	Maple	Year 6	Rock Hero	52 Maya	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend
8 Guan	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Hero	53 Jasmine	Rowan	Year 5	Rock Legend
9 Herbie	Palm	Year 3	Rock Hero	54 Irene	Eucalyptu	Year 4	Rock Legend
10 Micah	Maple	Year 6	Rock Hero	55 Gabriel	Eucalyptu	Year 4	Rock Legend
11 Mohamed	Maple	Year 6	Rock Hero	56 Natasha	Elder	Year 3	Rock Legend
12 Adia	Elm	Year 6	Rock Legend	57 Jaiden	Elder	Year 3	Rock Legend
13 Avean	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	58 Jia Tong	Sycamore	Year 5	Rock Star
14 Isis	Palm	Year 3	Rock Legend	59 Mussa	Elder	Year 3	Rock Star
15 Jia Cheng	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend	60 Arthur	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
16 Ayyub	Elder	Year 3	Rock Legend	61 Stefan	Eucalyptu	Year 4	Rock Star
17 David	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend	62 Saffiyah	Maple	Year 6	Rock Star
18 Yuan	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend	63 Archie	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
19 Candace	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend	64 Zoe	Eucalyptu	Year 4	Rock Star
20 Ola	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	65 Kitty	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
21 Anyamebo	Elm	Year 6	Rock Legend	66 Jadon	Eucalyptu	Year 4	Rock Star
22 Mia	Rowan	Year 5	Rock Legend	67 Oskar	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
23 Femi	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend	68 Tyresse	Sycamore	Year 5	Rock Star
24 Kamraan	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	69 Jacob	Palm	Year 3	Rock Star
25 David	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	70 George	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
26 Nojus	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend	71 Emma	Maple	Year 6	Rock Star
27 Marlow	Palm	Year 3	Rock Legend	72 Zaira	Elder	Year 3	Rock Star
28 Jerrell	Sycamore	Year 5	Rock Legend	73 Nawaz	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
29 Nathan	Eucalyptus	Year 4	Rock Legend	74 Leo	Elm	Year 6	Rock Star
30 Finlo	Elder	Year 3	Rock Legend	75 Ruby	Maple	Year 6	Rock Star
31 Dickson	Elm	Year 6	Rock Legend	76 Danyal	Sycamore	Year 5	Rock Star
32 Hannah	Palm	Year 3	Rock Legend	77 Paul	Eucalyptu	Year 4	Rock Star
33 Tife	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	78 Walter	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
34 Sameera	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend	79 Lilya	Elder	Year 3	Rock Star
35 Yusuf	Eucalyptus	Year 4	Rock Legend	80 Rasheed	Elder	Year 3	Rock Star
36 Anaya	Beech	Year 4	Rock Legend	81 Princess	Beech	Year 4	Rock Star
37 Michaiah	Eucalyptus	Year 4	Rock Legend	82 Darius	Sycamore	Year 5	Rock Star
38 Dariell	Rowan	Year 5	Rock Legend	83 Joshua	Elm	Year 6	Rock Star
39 Mr Longma	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend	84 Christopher	Beech	Year 4	Rock Star
40 Tyler	Elm	Year 6	Rock Legend	85 Kai	Palm	Year 3	Rock Star
41 Lukas	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	86 Nellie	Elm	Year 6	Rock Star
42 Mamadu	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend	87 Melisa	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Star
43 Avaine	Eucalyptus	Year 4	Rock Legend	88 Abraham	Rowan	Year 5	Rock Star
44 Lauryn	Hazel	Year 6	Rock Legend	89 Aiden Josiah	Elder	Year 3	Rock Star
45 Kyson	Maple	Year 6	Rock Legend	90 Layan	Beech	Year 4	Rock Star

Welcome to Year 2 who have joined Time Table Rockstars. We look forward to seeing you on the leaderboard!

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Have you been playing Maths with Parents?  
Have a look at what some of the children at DKH  
have been up to!



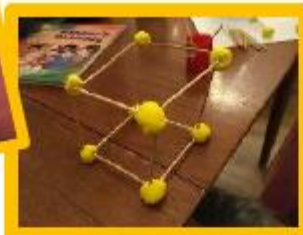
Jamal, you played *Get Cooking* and weighed your ingredients to make these amazing treats.

I am sure you enjoyed eating them too!



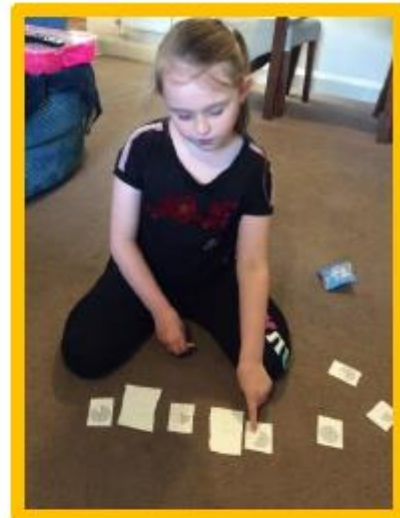
Charles, you played *How Much Pasta* and we can see enjoyed guessing which object weighed the most.

We hear you liked checking what each item weighed with the kitchen scale.



Kalina, you played *Skeleton Shapes* and *Tracing Shapes* and it looks like you had a great time with a bit of help from your teddy!

We love seeing your pictures. Thanks for sharing them with us!



Lily, you played *Pizza Additions* and told us you enjoyed using the activity to practice fractions.

Your hard work has made you a fractions superstar!



We love seeing your photos. If you want your child to feature in our newsletter, please ensure that you give us permission to use their photo.

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## Have a look at what you have told us about Maths with Parents and your maths learning.

Alex, you played *Get Cooking* and said "it was fun cracking the egg. It made a funny sound!"

Birch Class

Owen S, you played *Number Bond Race* and told us "this was fun!"

We are glad you are enjoying Maths with Parents.

Oak Class

Hillary, you played *Super Spaceship*. You told us "it was really great and easy to control the spaceship."

Keep up the fantastic maths at home!

Willow Class

Lily, you played *Tracing Shapes* and told us "I love maths and art!"

We are so glad to hear how much you enjoy learning. Keep it up!

Cherry Class

Lenny, you played *How Many* and said, "I liked filling the cups up!"

Caterpillar Class

Kai, you played *3 Digit Targets*. You told us "I really liked this activity. I did 4-digit numbers as well. Both were easy and fun!"

We love that you are challenging yourself. Keep it up!

Palm Class

Alfie, you played *Place Value Battle* and told us "I found it hard when you could put numbers on other people because I got a zero in the top space (the tens of thousands!)"

Sounds like you were developing a good winning strategy.

Rowan Class

Lola, you played *Strategic Sums* and told us that it was easy, and you beat your mum twice!

Sounds like you need to have a rematch so mum can catch up!

Sycamore Class