



## Bishop Wood C of E Junior School

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### Home Learning

The home/remote learning packs are being sent out this afternoon for next week. Despite next Friday being a bank holiday, most year groups will have supplied you with work for five days. Please use this as you see fit. As a school, we are aware that everyone has their own unique set of circumstances and that some families may be finding it more difficult than others to complete the learning activities. We fully understand this and only expect you to achieve what you can in the time you have available.

Herts Music Service have sent through an update regarding remote learning which can be found at the bottom of this newsletter.

### Celebration

I hope that the stars from last week received their certificate through the post. This week the teachers would like to recognise the following pupils:

3R – Jonah W for creating a heart-warming and uplifting video and Matthew P for making excellent progress with handwriting and times tables.

3B – Aisha S for her detailed, interesting and professional PowerPoint on the Iron Age and Mason A-P for working hard and sharing lots of his learning with Mrs Birley.

4H – Ollie W-J and Shannon I for fantastic autobiographies.

4F – David G for working hard on a detailed autobiography and Zoe V for using drama and imaginative learning to find out about Australia.

5C – Lewis F-J and Ruby P for their dedication and commitment to all home learning tasks.

5DR – Esin S for her consistent hard work and her model of the solar system and Francesca S for her excellent presentation about Hawaii.

6M – David B for excellent cooking and recipe tips and Olivia G for her excellent written work.

6I – Anna B for her detailed Charles Darwin fact file and Luke C for his imaginative report about a make-believe creature.

Key Workers' Group – Sophie H and Calum M for working hard and trying new things.

Gold Reading Awards – Alice F, Daisy M and Phoebe G (Double Gold)

### School YouTube Channel

Staff have been very busy producing their first video clip for the children. They are all on our new Bishop Wood YouTube channel. It is my understanding that if you subscribe to the channel, you will automatically be updated when new videos go live. I have placed links for each teacher's video below so that you can find them easily. We really hope you enjoy them!

[Mrs Birley](#)

[Miss Record](#)

[Mrs Foley](#)

[Mr Hall](#)

Mrs Clark [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

[Mrs Day](#)

[Mrs Reeve](#)

[Mrs Ing](#)

[Mrs McGhee](#)



Our children in school also made a [video](#) about learning French numbers.

### **Collective Worship**

Thank you to Sarah from the Church who has produced a Collective Worship for us which can be found [here](#).

### **Useful Websites**

Here are some useful websites, which we have searched out this week:

This [link](#) to the Science Museum Group provides an opportunity for children to try their engineering skills building a tall strong tower with spaghetti and marshmallows. Please send in or tweet us a picture of your towers – certificates will be sent home for the best/most interesting ones.

[Numberblocks](#) - excellent videos to help cement knowledge and understanding of the number system.

[National Geographic Kids](#) and [DK Find Out](#) – A huge range of useful resources.

[STEM](#) – Good resources for Science, Technology and Maths.

[Childmind.org](#) – Mrs Hill recommends this site which offers lots of good advice for parents and children on how to cope during this time.

### **Herts Music Service**

Hertfordshire Music Service (HMS) is pleased to announce that existing pupils can now continue their instrumental and vocal lessons online with our fantastic team of teachers.

The development of a brand new partnership with MusicTutors.co.uk, an online learning platform specifically designed for delivering music lessons will mean pupils continue to receive excellent music tuition whilst school restrictions are in place due to COVID-19.

The first lessons to start online will be individual lessons, followed closely by shared and then group lessons.

How do I get online lessons?

1. Register for lessons with HMS.
2. Wait for a confirmation email from HMS.
3. Your teacher will contact you to book a lesson.
4. Enjoy your online music lesson!

You can register for online lessons now by visiting [www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk) and clicking on the 'Register for Online Lessons' link on the home page.

You will need to create a 'Schooble' account, or login if you already have one and follow the on screen instructions. A full guide to registering for lessons is available at:

[www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline](http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline)

Once HMS has processed your application, a confirmation email will be sent to you with instructions on how to arrange your online lessons directly with your teacher. There will also be some useful tips for getting the most from the sessions and advice for ensuring lessons are successful.

How do I pay for these lessons?

Your child's lessons will cost exactly the same as you currently pay, and if you receive any subsidies or financial support, this will remain in place without the need to resubmit any forms.

The only difference if you pay your school for lessons is you will now pay HMS directly instead. This is to minimise disruption and avoid any delay in getting your child's online lessons started.

An invoice for online lessons in the Summer Term will be sent to your email address directly from HMS once the registration process is completed. If you were previously invoiced by HMS for instrumental lessons you may receive a separate invoice adjusting for any missed/ additional lessons during the Spring term. Queries relating to lessons invoiced by your school should be directed to the school.

You do not need to wait for this invoice before lessons can start and you will have 21 days to pay. There are also other payment options detailed on the invoice to help spread the payment.

This process is the most efficient way to ensure only parents/carers who decide to take online music lessons are charged.

**Will lessons take place at the same time and day as usual?**

HMS teachers will do their best to keep lessons at a set day and time, but this cannot be guaranteed. As many of us are adapting to a new learning routine and we all have different caring and work responsibilities, we are asking our teachers to liaise with parents to ensure lessons are delivered in a practical and convenient way. HMS teachers will send you a fixed lesson slot to begin with, and if this slot is not possible then please liaise with your child's teacher to find a time and day that works. Please bear in mind that HMS teachers may also have restrictions on when they can teach so lessons may be in the evenings or at weekends, and in some cases another HMS teacher may have to teach your child.

We appreciate your support and patience as we bring over 16,000 pupils online this term!

**High quality lessons with your HMS teacher**

Hertfordshire Music Service is committed to finding ways to support all our students to continue their musical journey whilst schools remain closed. The online music lessons will continue to be fun, engaging and inspiring and HMS is also looking at ways of including young people for whom online lessons are not suitable or possible.

**Why should I take online lessons with HMS?**

Online music lessons will provide ongoing stability and regular access for students to continue to develop their skills and musical ability. It also has considerable benefits for well-being and provides a focus for students with a weekly activity to work towards and practice.

We don't know when schools will fully reopen and so online lessons will be the most effective way of ensuring your child's musical progress is maintained whilst restrictions remain in place.

**Flexibility**

Music lessons are a great way to create some relaxation time or a change of pace into the day. The weekly date and time of the music lesson can be arranged with your teacher directly.

**Safeguarding**

As part of Hertfordshire County Council, HMS takes safeguarding extremely seriously. All our teachers have a DBS check, up to date safeguarding training and operate under our safeguarding procedures. There will be designated HMS staff who have can observe any lesson taking place on the online platform.

**Financial Support**

HMS runs a Remission of Fees programme to support families in financial need. HMS believe that cost should not be a barrier to instrumental lessons and will work hard to ensure as many young people as possible can continue their musical journey.

Our team of teachers are looking forward to continuing your child's lessons online very soon and I would like to thank you all for your patience as we got this fully secure and safe online lesson solution ready.

Mr Gary Stanley