

19th April 2020

Good afternoon to each and every one of our school community

We hope that you are all well and that the children's Easter 'Holiday' was as positive as it could be. I am sure that everyone is looking for as much 'normality' as possible at the moment and with this in mind our staff have been working hard to prepare for the Summer Term.

New Weekly Updates and Suggested Timetables

We would like to share with you our new weekly updates from your children's teachers. Conversations with families over the past few weeks has indicated that many of you would like some help with the 'school' element of daily life during lockdown. These updates are intended to support you with this if you need it. The intention is to make this as straight forward as possible so that everything is in one place each week with easy links to download resources.

You can find the updates with links to all resources here: <https://www.nettleham-junior.lincs.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1&storyid=219>

As we say on the website, these are **suggested timetables of activities below to provide some structure for your home learning**. Take these activities as far as you would like to, immerse yourself in what you enjoy doing – please don't feel that you have to cover all of these tasks and please feel free to share your own creative ideas too.

Keeping in Touch

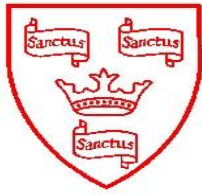
Please do keep in touch over this time, if you have any concerns about your child's work at home email their year group emails and someone will get back to you.

If you have any other concerns just drop us an email to enquiries@nettleham-junior.lincs.sch.uk and one of our staff will give you a call.

We will also be continuing with our catch up phone calls over the coming weeks.

Free School Meal Vouchers

All families who are entitled to Free School Meals should now have received two weeks' worth of vouchers that can be used to buy groceries in place of the meals that children would have received if they were in school. The third voucher is due to be with you by email tomorrow. Can you please let us know straight away if there are any problems with this? Also if you think, due to changes in your circumstances, that you may now be eligible for free school meals contact us via email enquiries@nettleham-junior.lincs.sch.uk



Competition Winners

Decorated Egg Competition

We were really impressed with the Easter Egg Competition entries that everyone sent in. You can find every entry here:

<https://www.nettleham-junior.lincs.sch.uk/gallery/default.asp?pid=99&gcatid=11&albumid=61>

The PTA have met virtually and the winners are:

Mia's Easter School

Corona Press Conference

Jo Wicks Workout

The dog with his bowl

Key Workers

Grandpa's Great Escape

We'll be arranging prizes to be delivered electronically over the next few days.

Short Story Competition Winners

Just before school closed so suddenly, we held a short story competition. The winners are:

Year 3: James Pollock for 'The Big Theft' an exciting adventure set in London

Year 4: Isa Lang-Hamidou for 'The Time Machine' travelling into the future...

Year 5: Julia Panades Pujol for 'The Story of the First Astronaut to go to the Sun' an astronaut risks his life to get closer to the sun

Year 6: Chloe Fields for 'Drop' – an original tale of a raindrop's journey

An extra category – best illustrated book: Oscar Vasey Y4 for 'Monster the Boss'

We'll be arranging for an electronic prize for these stories too and the stories will be appearing on our website soon.



Meet Lucy – A New Short Story Competition

With this in mind Lincoln Castle and Lindum Books are running a brilliant short story competition which, I am sure, our children would love to take part in. Here are the details:

<https://www.lincolncastle.com/content/meet-lucy>

An offer of help

We have been contacted by the Nettleham Volunteers COVID 19 Support Group who would like to share the following offer of support with everyone. Please share this with your friends, family and the wider community.

“Nettleham volunteers COVID 19 support group is a community-based initiative.

We are able, through a network of volunteers to help with shopping, prescription collection and delivery.

We are aware that there may be other needs within the Village and have been able to secure an amount of funding from a number of sources including the Parish Council. We want to make the best use of these resources to help as many as possible. This funding is available to those living in the Nettleham Parish.

If you are a family which finds itself in financial difficulty due to this current crisis, we may be able to help with buying essential food and drink items. Please note this does not include alcohol or tobacco products. If you feel we may be able to help please contact us on the following email nettlehamvolunteers@hotmail.com”

With very best wishes. Stay safe, stay healthy and stay in touch.

David Gibbons
Headteacher