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# Weekly Home School Newsletter — 15th May 2020



Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that this Weekly Home School Newsletter finds you and your families safe and well. As usual, I have some important updates for you and the usual brilliant variety of home school learning photos!

## Potential School Re-opening

This week, the Government announced its plans to re-open schools for EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6. This will be subject to the science departments telling the Government that schools are as safe as possible to re-open. I have already written to you about this earlier in the week. If you are a parent of EYFS, Year 1 or Year 6, please follow this [link](#) and complete our short questionnaire to let us know if you will or will not be sending your child to school from the 1st June.

## May Half Term

If the June 1st reopening goes ahead, school will close on Friday 22nd May for all children so that my staff and I, who have operated on-site non-stop since late March, can fully prepare for the school re-opening. This will involve thorough deep cleans of the site, health and safety checks, area preparation to allow for social distancing, the installation of many automatic hand sanitiser stations around schools, kitchen preparation as well as many other factors needed for a safe and successful re-opening. School will re-open for EYFS, Year 1, Year 6 and children of critical workers on 1st June. (More information to follow).

## Free School Meal (FSM) Vouchers

Sometime next week, families who are eligible for FSM from benefits will be receiving their second eCode from Edenred, the FSM provider. This eCode will be for two weeks' worth of FSM entitlement. Mr. Douglas has written FSM families today, and this has further information. (Please check your inbox for his letter).

## Parent Governor Nomination and Co-opted Governors

Following our recent communication regarding a Parent Governor vacancy, I write to inform you that we received one nomination and I am delighted to advise you that Clara Harris is elected as a Parent Governor to serve on our Governing Board. A warm welcome to Clara and both myself and the Governing Board are looking forward to working with you. We also welcome the following Governors to serve on our board, Sharon Warmington, Maureen Dennis and Karolina Wietlicka

## Parent Questionnaire

We recently sent you out a questionnaire, asking for your thoughts and views about the home learning provision that we sent out. Thank you to the 55 parents who responded to the questionnaire. Your thoughts and opinions about our home learning resources were overwhelmingly positive. Of course, there were some negative comments however, in these very challenging times, no school is going to be able to replicate the teaching that goes on in the classroom. As a school, we have tried our hardest to prepare and create fun, engaging and challenging resources for you that at least partly make up for not coming to school. A big thanks to the 55 parents who shared their mostly positive views. The full results are on the next page.

## VE Day

Last Friday marked the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe: VE Day. I know that many families commemorated this in their houses and gardens with barbeques and afternoon teas. Thank you to those families who sent in their pictures to share in this newsletter.

## Thank you

I'd like to say a BIG 'THANK YOU' to our on-site cook, Bibi. Bibi has been into school EVERY SINGLE DAY since the lockdown began. She has prepared breakfast and lunch every day for our Key Worker children. Thank you, Bibi :)

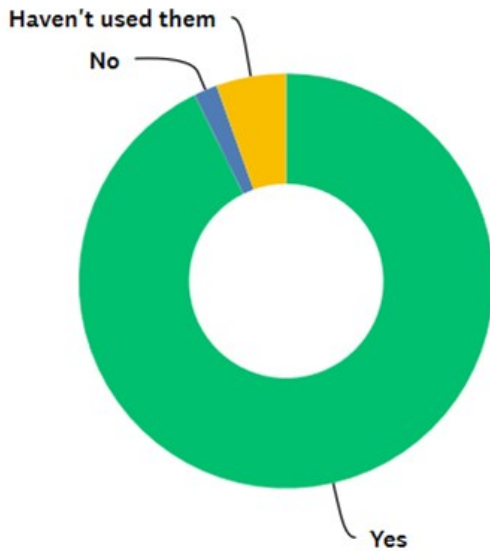
Best wishes & stay safe.

Mr. E. Gaibee, **Headteacher.**

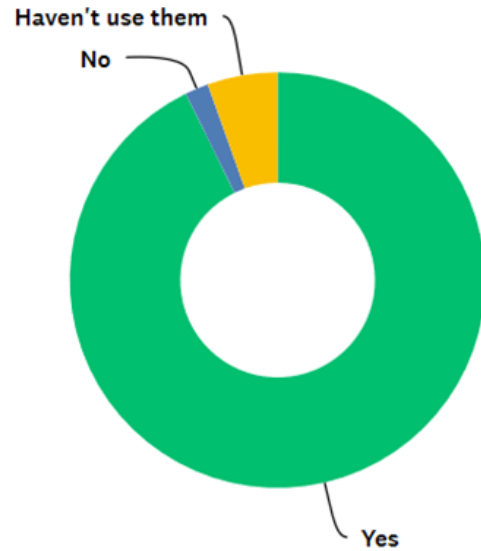
# Home Learning Questionnaire Results

Here are the results from our questionnaire about the home learning that we send out each week. The results are based on the 55 parents who completed the questionnaire.

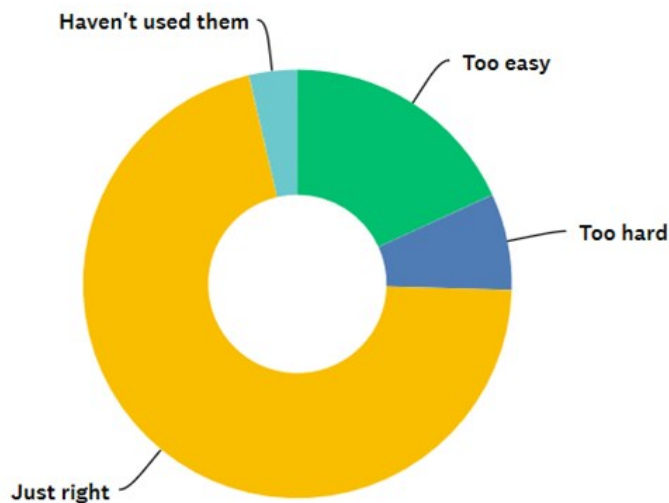
**Have you found the home learning resources useful?**



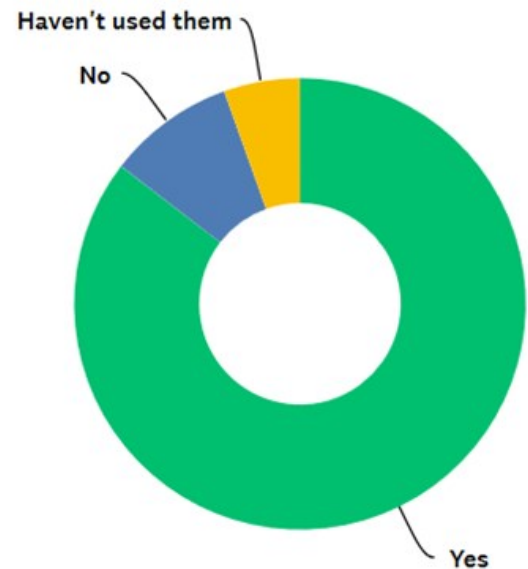
**Have the resources helped you to know what your children should be learning and practising at home?**



**Are the lessons too easy, too hard or just right?**



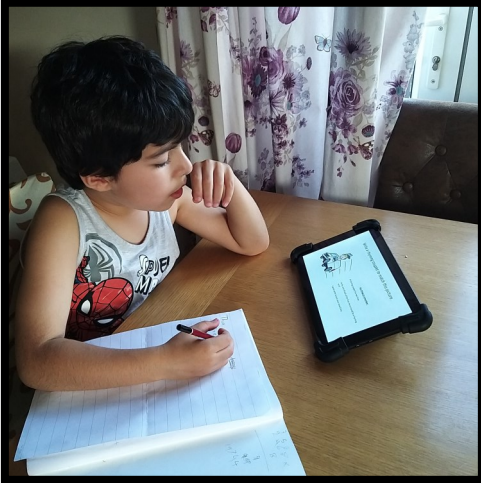
**Has your child enjoyed using the home learning resources?**



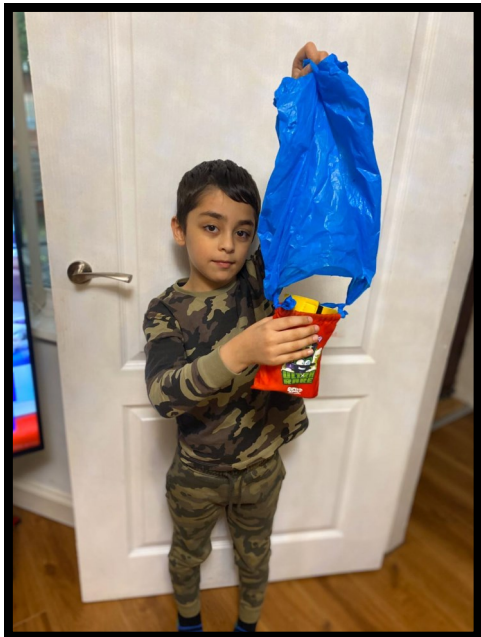
## Comments from parents:

- "Thank you. Top work. I know what goes into what you've done."
- "Thank you so much for the lessons. They are great."
- "I appreciate your efforts and contributions in such a hard time."
- "Thank you for the hard work and communication from staff during this time."
- "Very good fun work that my child has actually enjoyed."
- "The content and presentations have been fantastic."
- "The description helps me as a parent understand, especially the English terminology."
- "Your team has made us feel part of the school. Well done."
- "Well done and thank you. Stay strong and stay safe."

Thank you so much for your home learning photos! There were just too many to fit on, again! Please email Mr. Douglas at: [n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk](mailto:n.douglas@feathstn.bham.sch.uk) if you would like your photo to appear in next week's newsletter!



Left: Parsa is learning about rhyming couplets!  
 Right: Tymon is Year One is the next Ed Sheeran! Look at his music!  
 Below: Vittesh's artwork is absolutely gorgeous. Very well done!



Left: Zain conducting a parachute activity with his Nan.  
 Below: Brooke's fantastic persuasive writing!



Weekends should be 3 days long!  
 You may be thinking why should weekends be three days long? Well in this piece of writing I will tell you the main reasons that weekends should be three days long.

School is a place of learning, having fun and discovering new things. At the moment, school is 6 hours and 30 minutes 5 times a week. So children have more than enough learning. This will all change if people agree to letting children have 1 more day of a weekend. If you think about it, it is not really fair that we have to do that many hours for 5 days straight.

My Secondly, I think that children are sometimes naughty because they get bored. So if there were three days for a weekend the behaviour might improve.

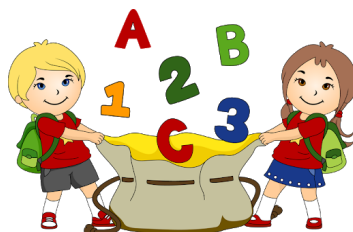
I hope you understand why weekends should be three days long. Also, thank you for reading my writing. I hope everyone agrees with me and that we will have a three day weekend.

Above: Maison has been learning about different types of energy this week. He designed and made an 'oven' (thermal trap) using materials to cook his s'mores in the sunshine! He learnt the properties of each material and its uses in trapping the heat inside his oven :)

Right: Reuben's amazing lava lamp! He had lots of fun making it! Nice one, Reuben!



Above: Casandra's brilliant artwork!

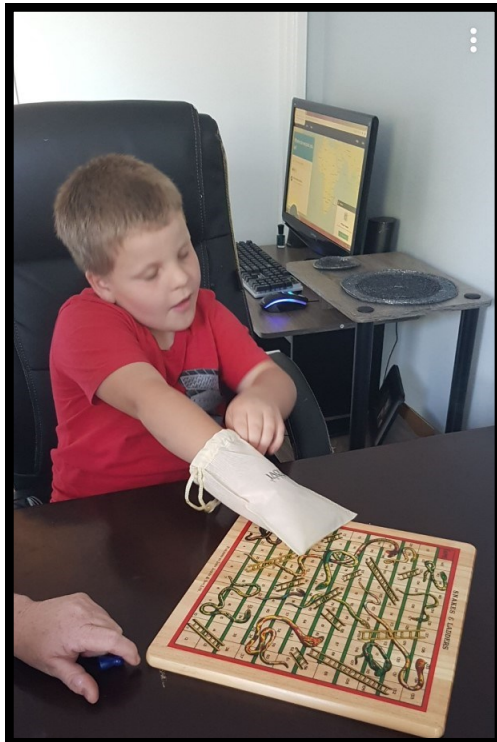




Right: There's a number member to Zofia and Tymon's household! Make sure you take care of little Billy :)



Above: An amazing blanket made by the brilliant Emily! Are you taking orders and requests, Emily? :)



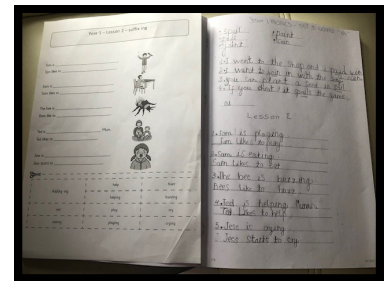
Ronika's sunflowers

Above: Cason celebrating finishing his healthy sandwich! Looks fab!  
 Left: Ronika is working hard to grow her sunflowers. I wonder if they will grow larger than you?!  
 Right: Tommy using his values to play a board game!

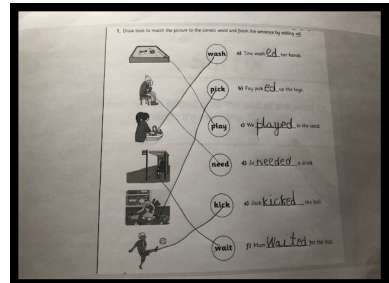


Freya's brilliant bread

Above: Freya making and baking bread. It looks amazing! Hovis, watch out!  
 Left: Filip making DELICIOUS burgers and wedges! Yum yum!



Above & below: Klarisa's brilliant learning.



Above: Look at what Daria has been up to this week. We miss you too, Daria :)  
Below: Look carefully...can you spot the unicorn that is photo-bombing Mary's kitchen?!

Above: Just look at this home made VE Day bunting :)



Above: Tymon has made sandwiches with faces on (they're of his family)!



**Welfare Calls**

Throughout the period that the school is closed, Mr. Gaibee, Mr. Douglas, Miss. Lacey, Mr. Gravell, Mrs. Harrington, Miss. Whitehouse and Miss. Modhvadia will telephone families to see how you all are! These will continue whilst the school is closed.

Not only do we have a whole-school Twitter account, which is [@FeatherstoneSch](https://twitter.com/FeatherstoneSch) but we also have a Twitter account for each of the year groups across the school. Please do follow our Twitter accounts so that you can see what the teachers are posting when the school is closed. Messages, learning ideas and challenges have been posted this week. Oh, and we love it when you tweet back!

EYFS	@FeatherstoneEYFS
Year 1	@FeatherstoneYR1
Year 2	@FeatherstoneYR2
Year 3	@FeatherstoneYR3
Year 4	@FeatherstoneYR4
Year 5	@FeatherstoneYR5
Year 6	@FeatherstoneYR6