

# E-Bulletin

4th May 2020



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**Dear Parents/Carers** I hope this letter finds you and your families well in these difficult times. I know that we are all waiting to hear what the Government expects as we try to move to the next phase of life with the new coronavirus. In the meantime, I would like to use the Newsletter to make sure that everybody knows how we are able to support you if we can.

## Home Learning

We are producing Home Learning Packs each week for all our children, We have chosen not to produce a strict timetable as we recognise the challenges of organising home learning whole juggling all the other responsibilities of life– so we hope our packs allow you to be flexible. Packs are emailed to each family, available on The [Home Learning Portal](#) in the Academy's website or to pick up from school. Last week 79 home learning packs were collected from school. Each pack includes:

- 3 maths lessons– with links to video lessons from White Rose Maths
- A writing task linked to a story- click on the video link in each pack to see the story
- Spelling and Grammar activities
- Topic research linked to the story
- Art or Design lesson linked to the story
- From 11th May we will also include a science lesson with a video explaining.

We very much hope that children have logged onto [Oxford Owl](#) to read free e-books in their colour book band.

All KS2 children should also be using [Times Table Rockstars](#) to practice maths facts– Numberbots will follow this week.

## Help with Food

We know some families are still experiencing problems with the National Edenred Free School Meal voucher system, and that these difficult times mean there are other reasons that mean it can be hard to feed our families. If you are finding it difficult to get the food your family need please do let us know and we will try our best to help. We have some emergency provisions and can make referrals to Foodbanks.

## VE Day

VE Day on 8th May is an important chance to think about heroes of an earlier age, and an earlier time when people acted together for the common good. This [VE Day Home Celebrations Pack](#) has lots of ideas about how you can mark this important event at home. Please send us pictures to share!!

## Other Help Locally

Wiltshire wellbeing Hub offer support for

- deliveries of food and other essentials
- loneliness and wellbeing.

Call the helpline on 0300 003 4576 or via email at [wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:wellbeinghub@wiltshire.gov.uk).