



# WEST THORNTON

## PRIMARY SCHOOL

### **Newsletter**

### **Edition 10**

**11th September 2020**

Welcome back to the new school year.

It wasn't the start we had planned or expected, but we are very happy that we have been able to open some of our year groups at Canterbury Road. We cannot express how disappointed we were not to be able to welcome all of the children back as planned. The events of this week are a stark reminder that the virus is still out there and that, as a community, and individuals we all have a part to play in preventing it's spread.

Our school closure contingency plan swung into action and we were quickly able to establish daily Zoom lessons, provide the pupils with home learning materials and make telephone calls to families. We have tried carefully to ensure the learning covers work that was planned for in school as part of our recovery curriculum. We have also shared email addresses, and these have already had significant usage by parents, enabling teachers to provide responses to questions and queries quickly. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have questions at all about the learning.

At Canterbury Road we were able to successfully welcome back pupils in Years 1, 3, 4 and 5. During their first week back, children have been settling back into routines and enjoying catching up with friends and adults in school. We have been pleased with an average attendance of 92% for our returning year groups and look forward to that improving as the year progresses.

We will, as promised, stay in close contact with you and keep you informed and updated regarding the reopening and all other relevant matters. We continue to liaise with Public Health England, the local authority and continue to be very well supported by the central team of the Inspire Partnership Trust.

## COVID-19 Update

Please take time to remind and support your children to do the following to reduce the risks of the virus spreading:

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, they should remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared. You are advised to have your child tested for Covid-19 as soon as possible after the first symptoms appear. All other household members who remain well must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill. Household members should not go to work, school or public areas and exercise should be taken within the home. Household members staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community.

As a reminder the symptoms are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

If your child or anyone in the household does develop symptoms, you can seek advice from NHS 111 at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or by phoning 111.

As a school we will strictly be adhering to these five hierarchy of control steps:

- A requirement to stay at home if displaying any Covid-19 symptoms

- Robust hand and respiratory hygiene
- Enhanced cleaning routines
- Active engagement with NHS Test and Trace
- Formal consideration of how to reduce contacts and minimise potential for contamination as far as is reasonably practical - social distancing with each other of 2m at all times

## Updates

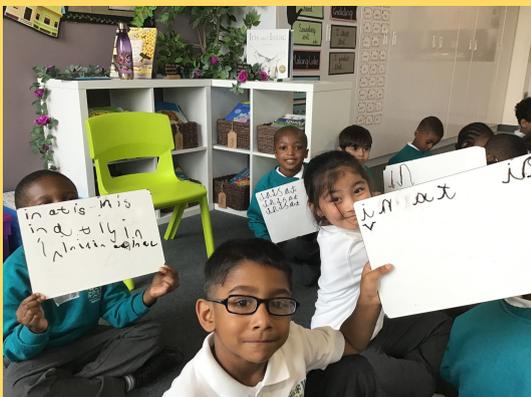
Please check our website daily for updates, letters from school, communication and updates from the Inspire Partnership Academy Trust, home learning and school opening information.

<https://www.westthornton.croydon.sch.uk/>

## In school learning

We have welcomed back Years 1, 3, 4 and 5 at Canterbury Road this week this week. The children have been so excited to see their friends again, meet their new teachers and get started with their learning.

It has been a happy, positive experience and the school has been buzzing with energy. We can't wait to have Year 2 back with us and meet our new Reception children as well!



## Home Learning

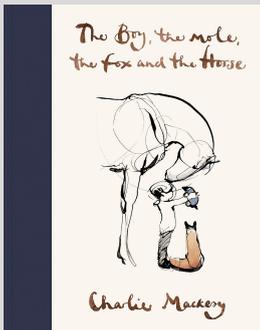
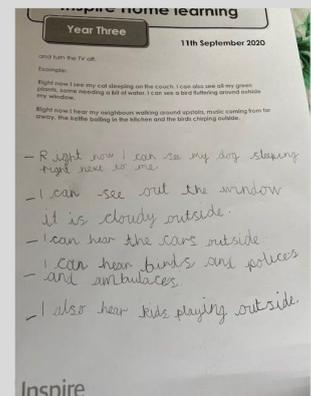
Over the past few days we have seen a really positive engagement with the home learning being provided by children not currently in school.

In **Year One** they have been thinking about working with others and thinking about how to take turns and play nicely with one another.

**Year Two** have started their home learning by making predictions about text extracts and quotes from our core text 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'. They have also started looking at place value in Maths.

**Year Three** have been working hard to develop their mindfulness skills and have been considering their thoughts, feelings and emotions. Being aware of your surroundings is a very important part of this.

Learning in **Year Four** has been centred around 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse'. They have been considering their feelings, inspired by quotes from the text. They have also begun starting the illustrations of Charlie Mackesy and the artwork of painter Pablo Picasso.



'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' has enabled **Year Five** to explore a range of themes and techniques in English. They have also been investigating sound and how it is created.

**Year Six** have had an interesting week reading 'Goodnight Mister Tom' and 'The boy, the mole, the fox and the horse' and enjoyed looking at proverbs. In Art they have begun to create mood boards to convey feelings and emotions through the use of colour, pattern, images and texture.

Please continue to access your child's learning through our school website:

<https://www.westthornton.croydon.sch.uk/extended-provision-2-june-onwards/home-e-learning>.

Learning for the week beginning September 14th will be available from 9am Monday morning.

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