

PARENT BULLETIN - Friday 1st May 2020



Dear Parents/Carer,

You will have noticed that, since the holiday, we have been putting in place much more accountability for students' work. Teachers have been monitoring completion much more carefully and you/your children may have received messages from individual teachers about their work. As a result of which the amount of learning being completed has really increased, which is fantastic. We recognise the hard work of parents and carers in motivating your children and keeping them on track to do this, so thank you again for working with us!

We are also planning to make a Swan music video to help bring our whole community together in some light hearted relief. We would love as many families to get involved as possible - please see below for further details. We look forward to sharing a laugh in these difficult times!

Ms Wood

Curriculum

Cycle 2 Assessment Reports - Reminder

A reminder that these are available to view on MCAS for all students who sat assessments. Please do login and have a look! If you have not yet registered for MCAS or forgotten your log-in details, please email headteacher@theswanschool.org.uk so we can help you get set up.

Knowledge Organisers

This week, we have posted home knowledge organisers for each subject. Please do expect these to arrive at the beginning of next week. Knowledge organisers are a great summary of each subject topic and will help children to complete work and catch up on any learning gaps.

Poetry Booklet - Key English Resource

You will be receiving a poetry booklet in the post shortly, along with the knowledge organisers for every subject for this term. This poetry booklet is a key document for your child's learning in English this term and we will soon begin to use it regularly. It also forms the basis of the assessment we will complete at the end of this term. Please ensure that your child keeps this poetry booklet in good condition not least because it will be a key part of their learning, but it will then become a vital revision booklet for the end of term assessment. Mrs Hinze.

Enrichment

We Are Making A Music Video!

We are putting together a music video, or a lip sync video, which will include both student and staff videos clips. We would love to see some student videos in order to help us complete our music video! Please do be aware that this video may be uploaded to our school website and be made public.

If your child would like to take part and you are happy that this video may be public, we ask that they record a clip of them performing to the chorus of [Can't Stop The Feeling by Justin Timberlake](#) (approx. 0:59 to 1:25). We are very happy for the whole family to be involved - the more the merrier! Hopefully there are plenty of dance moves in the original video to inspire! Once done, please send your video to kathryn.walton@theswanschool.org.uk by **Wednesday 3rd May**.

Swan (Audio)Book Club - Wednesday 29th April at 4pm

The Swan (Audio)Book Club

It was wonderful to have so many keen readers join in with our online discussion of *The Secret Garden* on Wednesday. It was so nice to be able to actually see and hear each other! Our next book is *Robinson Crusoe* by chosen by Edward Thomas (7H). Please find the book at this link:

https://stories.audible.com/pdp/B002UZLN6?ref=adbl_ent_anon_sc_pdp_pc_0. Mrs Hinze.

Free book offer!

I have been sent an offer for a free book by a Young Adult author called Robert Goodale. Apparently, his latest book, *Halloween* is an adventure/fantasy novel, written under the pseudonym of Daniel Turnpike. It is currently downloadable for free as an audiobook on Google Play. It will be available in paperback from Amazon at the end of May, but a free copy from the original print run can be requested (while stocks last) by emailing robert.goodale001@gmail.com with an address where it can be sent to. Please note that I have not read this book so cannot vouch for its quality! Mrs Hinze.

Other opportunities

We are often sent information about different activities that are available for families to get involved in. We are passing some of them on below as we thought it might help families with some inspiration. Please note that we cannot guarantee the quality of any of these activities.

VIRTUAL COWLEY ROAD CARNIVAL – CARNIVAL ARTS AT HOME

<http://www.cowleyroadworks.co.uk/carnival-online/virtual-carnival/>

With these challenging times ahead the Carnival team has put together some plans for a Virtual Carnival on Sunday 5th July 2020.

Nobody knows what will happen between now and the 5th of July, the day when we would normally take to the streets to celebrate Oxford's amazing community, so we have put together some ideas that you can get involved in, that we plan to stream on Carnival day. We're hoping to help you to still get that carnival feeling wherever you are!

So let's see your creative side, get your household together and your cameras ready, have fun working with the ideas we have below and then send the videos to us so that we can create a community online carnival. We want to showcase all the brilliant artists, musicians, stall holders, traders and communities who make Cowley Road Carnival the celebration we know and love. Here are some ways you can get involved in our online carnival.

Download our Guide Ways to get involved Virtual Carnival 2020

What is more – we want to see what you are doing. We will be streaming on Carnival Day. Please film your music, dance, artwork and creative endeavours and share with us via twitter @CowleyCarnival #VirtualCarnival #carnival@home #CowleyRoadCarnival, Facebook or Instagram.

Download our how to film guide here. Cowley Road Works Filming Guide

<http://www.cowleyroadworks.co.uk/carnival-online/carnival-arts-home/>

<http://www.cowleyroadworks.co.uk/carnival-online/learning-projects/>

Yoga

Weekly Yoga & Mindfulness - Videos & Activities

Fun Stories, Games & Activities for Children & Families as a weekly progressive course - with Kids Love Yoga Online! Please click on the [link](#) to find out more!

Wellbeing

Reduce Stress & Anxiety At Home.

Tip 1 - Set your child a daily routine of when they are going to work. Consider breaking this up into smaller chunks including rest breaks.

Tip 2 - During this time encourage social media devices to be away

Tip 3 - Allow time in the day for exercise, relaxation activities and also downtime.

Please find a [link](#) here from the university of Oxford and the university of Reading with some very helpful advice on supporting children and young people during this time.

The NSPCC have designed some great resources to support parents and carers during this time.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>

Online Safety:

Online safety advice from the National Online Safety Organisation, this week we are focusing on the app 'Houseparty' . You can find the information sheet for it [here](#).

Other

Free School Meals

Parents/Carers of children eligible for free school meals - You should have received 4 emails and eCodes to date from noreply@edenred. If you cannot see these in your inbox, please check your junk/spam folders. The eCodes are valid for 1 month from the date of issue and need to be redeemed for an eCard within this time.

Once you have the supermarket eCard, you have up to a year in which to spend it. If you have any questions or queries about redeeming the eCodes that have been emailed to you from noreply@edenred, or if you have not received all four codes, please let us know by calling on **01865 416070** or by emailing the office via office@theswanschool.org.uk. We are here to help.

Information on food access during COVID-19

[Here](#) is a link to Good Food Oxford that details The Oxfordshire Food Access Services Database and Map that shows charities, community projects and other places that provide free or subsidised food across Oxford and Oxfordshire, you can look in your specific area, for example, OX4.

Also a new partnership has formed 'OX4 Free Food Crew' providing hot meals twice a week to those most in need living in OX4, more information and how to refer [here](#).

Key Dates:

- [Bank Holiday \(Friday 8th May\)](#) - The school will be closed on the bank holiday, which means we will not be offering provisional care for key worker children, and there will be no work set for children.
- [Half Term](#) - 25th May to 29th May. We plan to remain open for the children of key workers. Please let us know if your requirements have changed during this week.