



Hillstone News

Hardship Fund

Covid-19 Resilience Funding

£1m of new funding is now available to directly support individual families through the Covid-19 emergency period and the longer-term impact.

Resilience funding will be available from Birmingham City Council for families in hardship, for example to buy food, medicines, nappies and other supplies. Or in emergencies to help pay bills, fuel, white goods or internet access. Payment will be coordinated through joint voluntary and public sector leads in ten localities across the city, with a distribution network through the Council.

Families are asked to contact support workers or schools as a first step to access Resilience Funding. The professional will complete a short application of support and in most cases funding will be released to families on the same day.

The below link has further information plus links to other available resources around children and families:

<https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/Covid19CYPF>

Assemblies

I hope you are enjoying our weekly assemblies. Mr Farr is brilliant at putting these together. You can view past assemblies in the virtual classroom. Last week was to celebrate VE day and this week the theme will be 'adversity' with another of the children's favourite song to sing along with.

Photos

Individual photographs were taken recently. If photos were ordered online they should have already been sent out to you. However the ones that were ordered by the school have not yet been delivered. I will chase that up for you.

Phased return to school

I have been working on our plans for re-opening but there is a meeting between the teacher unions and the government today. When I know the outcome of that meeting I will be in a position to share our plans with you all.

Hillstone Virtual School

We have been so impressed by the virtual classrooms that we wanted to create some more. Have you been into coaches virtual classroom and tried the sock game or tried learning some songs with Mr Farr in his virtual classroom. Ms Hepburn and Mrs Chudleigh are in the middle of producing a well-being page which I am hoping I can turn to in times of stress!

Some of you know Nanny Chris—Hayley's Nanny who has been a good friend to the school over the years. Well she can be found in the year 2 virtual classroom. She's been completing the Joe Wicks senior workout (at 99!) and Joe Wicks has shared this on his Facebook. I now feel shamed into getting back into the exercises!

Finally there is nothing we love more as staff than hearing from you, finding out what you've been up to, seeing your work and hearing what you think of virtual school. Do keep in touch by leaving a note on the comments page on virtual school, by Twitter, by Tapestry or by phoning us.

Nursery Free School Meals

Birmingham City Council has secured funding to provide free school meals for entitled nursery children from 20th April—22nd May. This will be in the form of an online voucher worth £30 (£6 per week per child) which has been sent to eligible parents in the form of a text message.

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