

# BISHOPMILL PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are all well and have been enjoying some family time, especially in the garden and on your daily walks/exercise with the brighter days we have been having this week.

## HOME LEARNING WEEKLY TASKS

Teachers will be continuing to issue weekly tasks on a Monday by 12pm on our school website. This consists of activities relating to Numeracy, Literacy, HWB (health and wellbeing) and other areas of the curriculum.

The Support for Learning team have also added a page so click on the helping hands to see what they can do to support your child's learning. We have also created a tab to support our Military children and families and more information and activities will follow soon.



## SHARING LEARNING

Children and parents can ask the teacher any questions through Twitter or through our admin email address. Children are also able to send photos of their completed work to share with their teacher. Thanks to everyone who has already shared their learning and you can view these on our school website and more will be added weekly.

## HOW MUCH SCHOOL WORK SHOULD BE COMPLETED?

As I mentioned in previous letters, every family is dealing with very different circumstances at this time which will mean the amount of learning being undertaken will be different for everyone. Health and Wellbeing is absolutely the priority for our families, as this is a worrying and overwhelming time for us all, so only do what you are able to manage. Please remember what you are doing is your very best. If possible please try to complete "core learning" activities each week: Numeracy - Sumdog/ Heinemann Active maths. Please log on to practise your numeracy skills/tasks created by staff.



Reading – Remember to read books, comics, etc. Even ten quiet minutes a day. H&WB - To record your Health and Wellbeing activities log onto Travel Tracker to record your steps at home.

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## **LOG IN DETAILS**

Most log in details were issued before the holidays. All Glow usernames were issued over the weekend. If you have misplaced these or are having problems accessing, please do not worry. You can send an email to the admin account above and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

## **YOUTUBE**

Bishopmill Primary has created its own YouTube channel. The channel will be used to post on videos to support staff, inform parents, improve home learning and share fun videos with our community. Please subscribe to the channel to see future videos. Currently the one video on the channel is to support pupils, parents and carers with login onto Glow. If you have any suggestions for future videos please let us know by messaging the school email.

## **GLOW**

is an educational website used in Scotland. It provides resources for teachers and pupils. To allow pupils to access Glow I have asked Mrs Rose to issue all children with a new glow password. Access to Glow will allow you to:

- Obtain up to five free Microsoft Office licences. This allows you to download Microsoft Word, Powerpoint, Excel, etc onto five different computers.
- Enable your child to engage with additional resources. Links to activities are provided on the Glow page.
- Give your child an email address on Microsoft outlook. This will enable them to email their teacher or/and friends directly. We are working on this at the moment.

To support pupils login in to Glow we have published a video on our new YouTube channel, this information is also on the school website. Please search for Bishopmill Primary School in the search bar on the YouTube page. If there is any videos you would like us to make to support with Glow please let us know.

In addition to this letter and the current YouTube video I have enclosed a separate user guide for Glow.

## **FREE SCHOOL MEALS**

Supermarket vouchers have been issued to parents/carers of pupils who are eligible for free school meals. Vouchers are valued at £25 and are issued fortnightly on a Monday which started on 6 April. This does not include other children in P1-3 who were eligible under the Scottish Government Free School Meal Scheme. However, this is not to say that if your child is in P1-3 that you would not be eligible. You can view more details about this on the Moray Council website in the Coronavirus update banner featured at the top of the screen. If you have not claimed FSM vouchers before or if your circumstances have changed, especially during the recent crisis and you think you might be eligible or would like to find out more, please e-mail: [education@moray.gov.uk](mailto:education@moray.gov.uk) with 'free school meal voucher' in the subject line or telephone 01343 563374 to talk to someone about it.

## **A UNIVERSAL SUPPORT SERVICE FOR ALL PARENTS AND COLLEAGUES**

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'Moray Educational Psychology Service' know that school staff are working hard to provide quality information to parents to help their children's wellbeing and education. As these are unusual and challenging times, we would like to provide a wider service to families to help support this work. If you would welcome the opportunity to chat about any social, emotional or educational concerns about your child with our link Educational Psychologist **Mrs Emma MacLeod**, she can be contacted via email: **Emma.MacLeod@moray.gov.uk** or a telephone message can be taken on **01343 550999**. Parents/carers that already have, or have had, involvement with the service can, of course, make contact in the same way.

### **COVID 19**

I receive briefings from Moray Council regularly and follow local and national guidance about the Covid-19 pandemic. As you will have seen, the lockdown has been extended for a further three weeks at least. I will keep you updated about any further news from the Council regarding school but at this stage we are not able to say when the school will reopen.

### **KEEPING IN TOUCH**

We have had a busy first week back and look forward to the week ahead as a staff, having lots of online discussions, virtual meetings, phone calls, e-mails backwards and forward etc. Mrs Bokor will make weekly contact with families who are supported in any way through multi agency work and child planning meetings. However, if you have any concern about your child, please email the school and Mrs Bokor will be in touch. Teaching staff can be contacted through Twitter or through the school admin. Please remember that if you need any help/have any questions you can contact me through the admin email. It is also lovely to be kept in touch through Twitter about what children are doing. We do miss seeing them.

On behalf of everyone here at Bishopmill Primary School, I would like to thank you for your continued support and understanding during this crisis. We are all working through difficult times and it is hard to keep positive but remember that we can look forward to better days to come. Please look after your own health and well-being too.

**Elaine Andrew**  
**Head Teacher**

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