



NEWSLETTER



Welcome

I am thankful for the kindness and support our school community has shown us over the last week. I would like to reassure you through these uncertain and stressful times that we will continue to keep in contact with you. Please keep checking our social media and websites for updates. We will also continue to send our messages and links via the Parentapp. On the next page, please find our contact information, should you have any queries.

I wish you and your families all the very best at this challenging time.

Strive to Achieve

A celebratory banner with a light pink background. It features several colorful balloons (purple, green, red) and scattered confetti. The word 'Staff' is written in a red, cursive font, and 'RETIREMENT' is written in large, bold, red capital letters below it.

At the end of this term Mrs Burns, our learning mentor, will be retiring. Mrs Burns, as most of you know has been a valuable member of staff here at Halsnead for the past nine years. She has supported children and families, always offering a sympathetic ear. We wish her well for a very happy retirement.





Contact Information

If you have a general school query please email : School.closure@halsnead.co.uk

If you would like to contact myself please email: head@halsnead.co.uk

To contact teachers please use the appropriate email from the list below

NurseryTeacher@halsnead.co.uk	ReceptionTeacher@halsnead.co.uk
Y1teacher@halsnead.co.uk	Y2teacher@halsnead.co.uk
Y3teacher@halsnead.co.uk	Y4teacher@halsnead.co.uk
Y5teacher@halsnead.co.uk	Y6teacher@halsnead.co.uk

We will reply within 24 hours. We will still be available on our usual phone number but you can also call 07947118660 if your matter is urgent.

Knowsley Foodbank

We will continue to provide food to those who are in food crisis and cannot afford to buy any. We are trying to keep our foodbank centres open for as long as possible.

If you are in food crisis but have any cold/flu symptoms, please do not collect the food yourself- ask someone else to collect it for you.

Foodbanks normally only provide food to people with no money because of benefits hold-ups, or other financial issues. This means that due to our limited supplies, we cannot provide food support to those who can afford food but are in self-isolation. **We can only provide food to those who do not have the resources to afford food.** There are a number of groups forming to help those in self-isolation, please check your local area's facebook group for more information on those groups.

We will continue to keep you updated.

Please see on the next page, times and locations of the Knowsley Foodbanks distribution points.



The Heath Family (NW)
A Multi-Academy Trust

Knowsley Foodbank

Times and locations of Knowsley Foodbank distribution points are as follows:

Monday - Huyton & Kirkby

12 noon to 2pm: St George's Church, 46 Primrose Dr, Huyton, L36 8DW

12 noon to 2pm: St Andrews Church, Highfield, Tower Hill, Kirkby L33 1ZF

Tuesday - Kirkby

12 noon to 2pm: Pride Centre, 2 Simonswood Lane, Kirkby, L33 5YP

Wednesday - Stockbridge Village & Prescot

12 noon to 2pm: The Community Hub, The Croft, Stockbridge Village, L28 1NR

12 noon to 2pm: Salvation Army Prescot, Warrington Road, L35 5UA

Thursday - Huyton

12 noon to 2pm: St Dominic's Church, Southdean Road, Huyton, L14 8UL

Friday - Kirkby & Huyton

12 noon to 2pm: St Andrews Church, Highfield, Tower Hill, Kirkby L33 1ZF

12 noon to 2.00pm: Huyton Parish Church, Bluebell Lane, Huyton, L36 7SA

Saturday - Halewood

11.00am to 2.00pm: St Mary's Church, Leathers Lane, Halewood, L26 9TS

Gas and Electric Bills

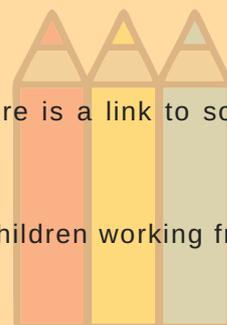
The Government has announced that energy suppliers won't shut people off and that you should contact your supplier in the first instance if you are worrying about being able to pay your bills at this uncertain time.

Home Learning Resources

As well as the Home Learning Projects we have put onto our school website, here is a link to some resources that you may find of use whilst your child is at home:

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

Please find on the next page, some practical tips for parents on how to get your children working from home.



Tips for Parents

Some ideas and support for those self-isolating

What can you try?

1. Set up a routine

The key here is to make it a routine – not a schedule. Be flexible, but with boundaries. That means getting up at the same times and having things that you do in a regular order...it doesn't mean timing every second of the day with military precision! Make the routine visual, factor in free time without screens and when they're doing schoolwork, do some of your own work/jobs/chores alongside them.

2. Try new things

Introduce them to the things you love and share stories with them – make it an opportunity to connect. Watch documentaries and nature programmes (who doesn't love a bit of 'Blue Planet'?!); cook together and measure out ingredients, create exercise routines together, play board games and card games, show them how you manage the household budget and divide up money to cover bills, food and other things.

3. Keep it simple

Read to them. Yes – even the older ones! It ignites a love of reading, creates a bond between you and it's soothing and calming. Get them starting a gratitude journal, drawing or doodling and colouring – all activities that support mental health. When you are working on things together, or working side by side, begin conversations. Sitting next to someone without the requirement to make eye contact can encourage them to open up! It also helps if you share something first.

We hope you find this knowledge useful. Warm wishes, Claire and Rachael, Dragonfly Co-founders.

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Try these inventive Lego Challenges with your children at home.

30 Day LEGO Challenge

Follow the instructions for each day. The only rule is to have fun and use your imagination!

			Day 1 You were hired by an amusement park to create a new roller coaster.	Day 2 NASA needs you to build a new rocket.	Day 3 Your parents want to build a new home and they want you to build it.	Day 4 Hollywood hires you to build a movie set for a new Star Wars movie.
Day 5 You enter a contest to build the world's tallest tower. Will you win?	Day 6 You are stuck on Mars and need to build a new ship to get home.	Day 7 Ford hires you to create the toughest pick up truck in the world.	Day 8 You and 4 friends are stranded on an island. Build a boat to find a way home.	Day 9 Captain Hook needs a new pirate ship and wants you to build it.	Day 10 You and your friends decide to build a tree house.	Day 11 Prince Charming hires you to build a castle for him & Cinderella.
Day 12 Dr. Who hires you to build a new TARDIS.	Day 13 You are asked by the President to build a new monument to George Washington.	Day 14 Mr. Hilton hires you to build a new hotel.	Day 15 There is a circus in town. Build a place for the performance.	Day 16 Help your fellow pioneers build a wagon to make it across the country.	Day 17 Build the fastest car around and join the big car race.	Day 18 Do you wanna build a snowman? Get in the winter mood and build a snow scene.
Day 19 The city wants you to build a bridge to connect one side of the town to the other.	Day 20 Pizza party! It is up to you to make a pizza for all the guests.	Day 21 You are hired to build a brand new hospital.	Day 22 The fence is broke and the dog keeps escaping. Build one he can't get out of.	Day 23 You are now in medieval times. You are commissioned to build a jousting arena.	Day 24 The local bank keeps getting robbed. Build a safe no one can crack.	Day 25 Design and build your dream bedroom.
Day 26 You are elected ruler. Build a flag for your land.	Day 27 Aliens are invading and you need to build a war robot to defeat them.	Day 28 The aliens have taken over. They are impressed by your robot. They want you build one for them.	Day 29 You are hired to build a house entirely out of yellow Legos.	Day 30 There is blizzard. You will need to build a snowmobile		What was your favorite day?