

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a year this week has been! Welcome to this week's Snapshot...

Home Learning Activities from Teachers: Can be found on the Learning from Home area of the school's website. <https://www.lightcliffeprimary.co.uk/>

Online Learning Resources:

Story Time:

- Harry Potter fans will be able to see Daniel Radcliffe read Chapter 1 of Harry Potter and The Philosopher's Stone. There are also ideas for activities do once you have listened to the chapter. More guest readers are expected to join in reading further chapters. Available at — Harry Potter at Home
- CBeebies BedTime Hour — available on digital TV and BBC iPlayer
- Jackanory Junior — available by searching for Jackanory Junior
- Ten Pieces — 'Get Creative With Classical Music' follow the link <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ten-pieces/ten-pieces-at-home/zjy3382>

Child Care for Key Workers and Vulnerable Children: Please continue to complete the Child Care Requirements Form sent out on Wednesdays. Whilst staff are working on a rota basis, this is a single point of contact for establishing numbers and confirming staffing arrangements. Please remember **keeping your child safe at home** is still the current advice. We have experienced an increase in the number of children attending child care at school this week. Key workers will need to provide a letter from their employer to confirm the need to attend work, if they have not already done so.

Free School Meals: If your work circumstances have changed, and you think you may now be entitled to Free School Meal vouchers, please let the school office know via email (even if your child is in Reception or KS1 and automatically receiving the Universal Infant Free School Meals government initiative).



Emails to Teachers: Many families have been sharing home-learning with teachers via email. This has been an efficient method of contact between school and families so far and we encourage this practice to continue. For those who have not yet made contact via email, we would encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Phone Calls: Teachers have begun to make calls to 'touch base' with families after many weeks of little contact. Some calls may show as a 'Private Number'. Please answer the call on this occasion — it may be your child's teacher. Many families have expressed their thanks in receiving such calls and to be able to ask questions to teachers. Equally teachers have enjoyed listening to the children retell their favourite experiences of lock down so far.

Re-opening School: At this point, plans for re-opening schools have not yet been announced by the government. We ask parents to refrain from contacting school to ask about specific arrangements as until advice and guidance has been received, we are unable to begin to plan for the up-coming weeks. As a school, we shall contact parents after government announcements are made.

Social Media: Please be wary of what appear to be 'leaked' proposals for the ease of lockdown. Some of the posts being shared relate to measures put in place by other countries such as Ireland.

Home Learning Concerns: Many families will be finding the current situation extremely challenging for many different reasons, and some parents have expressed concerns about school's expectation regarding home learning. We would hope that children continue to read, do some maths activities, practise some spelling/phonics and do some writing linked to the research topic over a week. We appreciate that some families will achieve a little and some will achieve a lot depending on their circumstances. We also understand that as time has moved on, children may be more reluctant to engage, or there are too many different topic activities to focus on, if there are a number of children in the same family. Our basic message is to continue to do as much learning as you can, but avoid too many conflicts and do whatever activities you can to maintain a happy household. Your family's wellbeing is important to us. If you are at all concerned or worried, contact your child's teacher/teachers and ask for advice.



Wellbeing: Please continue to look at the Wellbeing folder in the Learning From Home section of our website to find out what services are available to children and parents in the local area. There is a concern that some children may be beginning to find the lockdown difficult, as we are now experiencing time away from school extending beyond the usual summer holiday period. You will also find a new folder ' Wellbeing resources for children' that Mrs Swift, our Learning Mentor, is adding resources to and she is also sending out packs to the children she supports.

Further health and well-being resources for families are available at <https://www.calderdale.gov.uk/v2/coronavirus-covid-19/health-and-well-being-resources-families>

Share Your Concerns: If you have any safeguarding or wellbeing concerns, please use the Red Button to report the issue. Concerns will be sent directly to a member of the Senior Leadership Team.

Pupil Achievements: Staff have been delighted to see children's home learning photographs sent to them via email. Children are learning many life skills - such as baking - which is why there is a flour shortage; sunflower growing, with competitions between family members; Lego building, with family challenges taking place; bird watching — lots of birds nesting at the moment; as well as the fabulous home learning projects being shared too.

In the meantime, we continue to offer our support to all the children and families of Lightcliffe school. Take care...stay safe.

Mrs Dunkley & Mrs Hustler