

THE MICHAEL SYDDALL C OF E (VA) PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parent/Carer,

Coronavirus Lockdown #3 – Weekly update 3

In this update, you will find reminders and further information relating to things we would like to make you aware of during this time.

Times Table Rockstars ‘Battle of the Bands’

Well done to everyone who took part in this week’s TTRS Battle. See the results below...

1	Year 4/4C	352
2	Year 6	325
3	Year 4/4S	188
4	Year 3	99
5	Year 5	51

Congratulations to Year 4C who were victorious in a much closer battle this week. Next week’s has already started so get involved! The ‘most valuable players’ (highest scorers) in each class are below...

Year 3 – 1st Leo 2nd Thomas 3rd Aiden

Year 4S – 1st Jasper D 2nd Harry 3rd Oscar

★ Year 4C – 1st Florence and Callum 2nd Elizabeth 3rd Charlie

Year 5 – 1st Ethan 2nd Harry 3rd Lexie

Year 6 – 1st – Sienna 2nd – Skai 3rd – James



Overall MVP
Sienna (Yr 6)

Certificates for the top 3 scorers in each class are in children’s reading packs ready to collect next week.

Each week, the battle will start at 12pm on a Friday and end at 12pm the following Thursday. We will announce winners once each battle is over.

Extra layers in school

As part of our risk assessment to keep everyone in school safe, we are keeping all areas of school well ventilated. Obviously, in June, this is fine. January...not so much! We would like to encourage children to wear an extra layer, either a t-shirt or under armour/‘skin’ type layer under their uniform to keep them warm. It’s easier to take off a layer than to be cold!

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Reading Books

If you are having difficulty getting to school on your child's allocated day to collect reading books, please contact the school office and we will see what can be done to help.

- Each day, books will be placed at the front of school in plastic wallets with children's names on.
- The day you can come and collect your child's book will depend on surnames (see below)
- These days will remain the same for collecting and handing books back in. For example, if your surname is Bloggs, your allocated day is a Monday. You can come to school and collect your child's named bag and, after the first week, place the bag they have had at home in the returns box for quarantine purposes. So, your child will have a bag at home with books in, to be returned next week, and a bag at school getting ready for you to pick up the following week.
- Collection/drop-off days – Monday – **surname A to E**

Tuesday – **surname F to K**

Wednesday – **surname L to Q**

Thursday – **surname R to Z**



- There will be hand sanitiser at the collection/drop-off station which must be used when collecting books.

Parents and masks

We would like to encourage parents to wear masks at drop-off and collection or at any time when on school site. We appreciate we are in an open, outside space but it simply is to reduce the chances of anything being passed on even in the outdoor environment. This also forms part of our on-going risk assessment. Thank you for your co-operation.

Youtube - Drumba and collective worship



We are continuing to upload videos to Youtube with our Drumba tracks and collective worships. These will remain accessible via the links that class teachers send and will be added to as lockdown progresses. We'd like to encourage parents and other family members to use the Drumba tracks. The aim was always to provide this as an adult class but obviously, current restrictions mean this isn't possible. To save any more wooden spoons being broken(!), you can buy branded Drumba sticks at <https://www.rockleymusic.co.uk/shop/>

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Ultimate Warrior and Football Challenges

Our Ultimate Warrior and Football Challenges are winging their way to you via Seesaw and Tapestry if you haven't already had them. These challenges can be recorded by following the links on the instructions. All scores entered go towards our school's total against other local schools. Please give them a go and then try to get your child to beat your score!

Staff availability

Teachers will be available to respond to online learning during the hours of 8.45am and 3.00pm, Monday to Friday. During the working week, they may be making phone calls or planning and preparing future learning. Just as would be during 'normal times', we are keeping our curriculum, expectations of work and staff availability to the 'normal hours'.

Children in school for some days

If your child is in school for some days during the week but not all days, please endeavour to continue with home learning on the days they are not in. Often, work is set as part of a sequence and children will benefit from completing the work set on Seesaw or Tapestry on the days they are not in if they can.

Data Help

Are you struggling for 'data' so your child can complete home learning? We have the opportunity through the Tesco Mobile Reconnects and Schools Scheme to provide people who need it with a wireless hub with 20GB of data - enough for 5 hours a day home schooling.

In order to do this, you will need to contact the school office by 12pm on Monday lunchtime so we can make applications which are given on a first come, first served basis. We don't want anyone to be struggling or to miss out so PLEASE CALL US TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST.

More updates next week! Please remember to come and collect reading books on your daily walks!

Thank you for your continued support

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