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Hello everyone

We have had a really positive week welcoming back some of our Year 6 children into their small 'bubble' groups this week. The children have been familiarising themselves with our new classroom and playground layouts as well as practising social distancing and getting around the school site using our one-way system. They have also been getting used to our adapted curriculum which is helping them with their return to school and their wellbeing. If you want your Year 6 child to attend, please contact school to secure a place in a 'bubble' group and allow 48 hours for the necessary arrangements to be made. Thank you.

Have a great weekend!

Mrs Grace



Year 2 Transition

Miss Brown our Year 3 Phase Leader is visiting Sladefield next week to meet with some of the Year 2 teachers to help prepare a smooth transition for our new Year 3 children in September.

Parents can visit our 'Transition' page on our school website where they will find information, videos, newsletters and competitions. This webpage is updated each week so stay tuned for what's coming soon. From the homepage select the 'Parents' tab then 'Sladefield Year 2 Transition':

https://www.thornton.bham.sch.uk/website/slادefield_year_2_transition_/476124

Year 6 Transition

Just to reassure all our fantastic year 6 children, we are currently very busy emailing and telephoning your secondary schools to make sure they have all the information they need as they prepare to welcome you to the next stage of your education. More information to follow in the coming weeks...



Mental health is NOT a specialist topic that only affects certain individuals, we ALL have mental health.

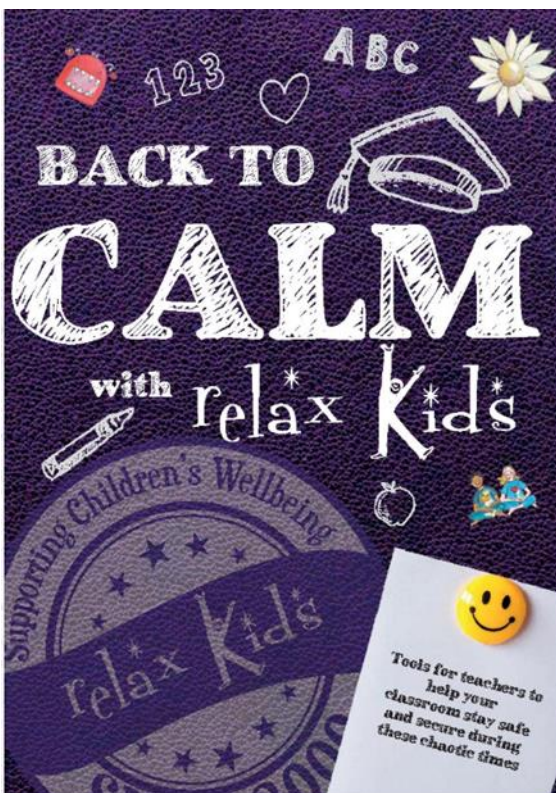
Mental health refers to our ability to participate fully in our personal, professional and community lives.

Our mental health is NOT FIXED, it is dynamic. It changes from being in a state of healthy to less healthy or really not healthy at all over the course of a lifetime, for all of us.

We all have mental health:

<https://watchkin.com/5173a205c0>

How to nurture a child's mental health



Back to Calm pack for PARENTS

This Back to Calm pack has calming activities and mindful relaxation exercises to help calm your child's nervous system and help them manage the transition smoothly, feel safe and happy.

<https://www.relaxkids.com/backtocalm#>

Back to Calm pack for TEACHERS

This is a tool we can use that provides us with exercises and activities to practice with the class to help bring moments of calm and help manage pupil anxiety and aid the transition back to school.

<https://mindedforfamilies.org.uk/young-people>

Are you a parent or carer who is concerned about the mental health of your child or teenager? Do you just want some hints and tips on parenting? **MindEd for Families** has advice and information from trusted experts and will help you to understand what problems occur, what you can do to best support your family, and how to take care of yourself. MindEd for Families is written by a team of specialists and parents, working together.



Year 3 Teacher's Message

Hello everybody,

I hope you are well and keeping safe. We are all missing you very much and we look forward to seeing you soon. With Father's Day coming up on June 21st, I thought it would be nice to make a card to show your family how much you appreciate them. I hope you enjoy making your card. Miss Ahmed

Year 3 Activity

You will need:

Some coloured card, Coloured paper, A printed photo of your family, Glue, Scissors, Paint and Colouring pencils/felt tips

Method:

1. Take one piece of card and fold it in half.
2. Write Happy Father's Day in decorative writing on the front cover.
3. Now, dip your hand into the paint and making sure your hand is covered, and carefully press your hand onto the front cover of your card.
4. Wait for the paint to dry before you go on to Step 5.
5. Using scissors, carefully cut out a square on the middle of the inside page of your card. You may need to ask an adult to help you with this.
6. Now, you stick your printed photo onto the square that you cut out. Make sure that you can see the photo when you open your card.
7. Using the space above the photo, write a message to your family member thanking them for everything they do for you.
8. At the bottom, sign the card with your name.
9. Finally, surprise your dad with the card on Father's Day.



Don't forget to post photos of your Father's day card on Twitter!



Year 4 Teacher's Message

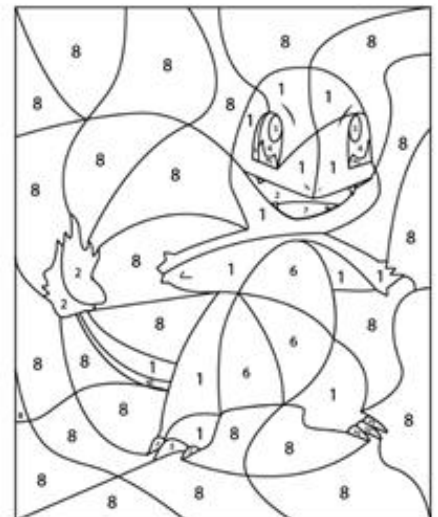
Hi everyone, it's Mr Jones!

All the teachers have said how nice it's been to speak with so many of you on the phone last week. We're looking forward to doing it again very soon. We want to know all the memories you've been making during this time. Although none of us were expecting 2020 to be like this, there are still opportunities to live, love and learn. Look after each other and I look forward to when we meet again.

Year 4 Activity

Create your own colouring sheet.

1. Grab a thick felt tip and draw the outline of any drawing you want to draw.
2. When you have finished, divide the picture up into parts.
3. Then, make a numbered key to tell us which colour goes with each number.
4. Give it to someone artistic in the house – can they complete your picture correctly?



Don't forget to post photos of your own Colouring sheet on Twitter!





Year 5 Teacher's Message

Hi everyone! I hope you are still enjoying your time away from school. It has been lovely speaking to so many of you on the phone and hearing about all the learning you are doing and the fun you are having. I really can't wait to see you all back in school. Keep safe. From Mr Williams

Year 5 Activity

Why not make your own colourful elephant?

1. Look carefully at how the plastic milk bottles below have been cut. Ask a parent or responsible adult to cut your bottle in the same way.
2. Cut different colours of paper into small pieces.
3. Spread a small amount of glue onto your bottle and stick on your pieces of paper until the bottle is covered.

Don't forget to post photos of your colourful elephants on Twitter!



Year 6 Teacher's Message



Hi everyone, I hope you and your family are staying safe and well. It has been nice to welcome some Year 6 students back into school and see them again. School is important but your health and well-being more so. Try to learn a life skill while being away such as using the washing machine, sewing a button or even learning to bake.

Remember to stay safe, take each day as it comes and most importantly stay POSITIVE!! Mr Iqbal

Year 6 Activity



Paper Plate Crafts

At home myself and Sami have been using paper plates to create different things. We created a turtle out of a small and large paper plate

Equipment: Paper Plate Plain Paper Felt tips/Paints Black Marker Glue Scissors



Step 1: Paint or colour your plate green/brown for the shell

Step 2: Let it dry for 2 hours or use a hair dryer to dry it faster.

Step 3: Cut out 4 feet, a head and a triangular tail out of green paper or paper you have coloured green.

Step 4: Using the glue, stick the feet and head to the underside of the plate.

Step 5: Let it dry and now you have a cute and easy turtle.

Don't forget to post your photo of your paper plate crafts on our twitter page.



You can make many creatures out of paper plates.



Here are other ideas that you can create very easily.



Inclusion Team



Hi everyone! Did you know this Monday was National Best Friends Day? A best friend is a person you can always rely on, someone who is genuine and

trustworthy and accepts you for who you are. Why not remind your best friend how much they mean to you? You can write them a letter, a song or simply a thank you card to show your appreciation.

Miss Shaheen



Challenge: Float your boat

1. Make foil boat

2. Fill container with water

3. Place boat in water

4. Add pennies until boat sinks

Question: How many pennies did it take for your boat to sink?

SEND Activity of the week

Are you ready for a challenge?

Have a go at this science experiment.

Can you record your results and discuss your findings with a family member?

Don't forget to share your investigation with us on **Twitter** or **email** us on:

homelearning@thornton.bham.sch.uk

Please add your full name and class 😊

Reading Plus - Years Four, Five and Six

It's wonderful to see the progress that so many of our children are making in Reading. They are regularly logging into the Reading Plus website and completing activities with care. This means they are able to read more complex texts, understand more, read faster and expand their vocabulary. It also exposes them to a wide range of ideas and opens up the world. It would be even more fantastic to see even more of our children putting in the effort. Please do encourage your children to log on and take the time to focus on an activity every day. Perhaps you will see your child celebrated on Twitter next week! Of course this app is no substitute for reading whole books. Let us know on Twitter which

books your children have enjoyed, as well. I'm always interested in recommendations for what I should read next. **Ms Evans**

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In Year Five, we say well done to Abdur Rahman C and Myrah E for exceeding their Reading Plus target. While in Year Six, we only have Hamza S who went above and beyond in the last week. It would be lovely to see some more names celebrated for their effort next week! Ms RE



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Well done to Abid A (who read an amazing 24 stories), Aleena H, Hassan I, Amiyrah A, Mustafa H and Aisha S in Year Four: they all read above and beyond their target of five Reading Plus stories last week.

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