

Dear parents and carers,

This week we give a warm welcome to Casey Moore who joins our team here at The Quinta. She has worked in EYFS as a student and joins the preschool team.

Thank you for the incredibly supportive and positive comments, emails and messages on Seesaw towards the school during this lockdown. We are really trying to support you in the best way and, although we know one system won't suit everyone, we intend to do our best. Therefore, as we come to the end of our second full week of lockdown, we would like to share some tweaks we are implementing to our remote learning due to the feedback we receive and research we carry out.

We are still working hard behind the scenes preparing a system which will allow an aspect of 'liveness' to support the children's wellbeing. We hope that we will be in a position to share this in next week's newsletter at the latest. In the meantime, we are looking to help you manage the very difficult job of working from home whilst supporting your children's education. Therefore, starting next week, we are introducing 'Screen-free Wellbeing Wednesday'. On Wednesdays, children will have a set of activities that ask them to access more creative aspects of learning and develop life skills. We believe this will give parents and pupils the opportunity to break away from the relentless feel of the standard homeschooling expectations, catch up on anything missed from previous days or weeks or simply complete different types of tasks that develop a rounded child. Children will not be expected to upload their Wednesday tasks although they can upload to the journal if they wish.

## Summary

- Information about a class or year group social interaction/group activity is coming next week
- Wednesdays will be a screen free day but alternative/suggested activities will be available.

Have a safe weekend,  
Will Sharpe



## Key Information

### **Covid Update**

I hope that you are all keeping well and safe. Speculation continues about when schools will fully reopen but in interviews this week, Gavin Williamson hinted that it would certainly be nearer to Easter when students would be back in school. It is therefore even more important that our students engage in their learning at home. Many are fully focused, but we do recognise the challenges that some face. We are continuing to track learning completed for each day and we will call home if it appears that your child has not completed work. Hopefully, we can offer support, advice and help when needed.

Limiting attendance at schools helps to support the reduction in the overall number of social contacts in our community, which is a vital intervention in the context of current very high transmission rates. If you are a key worker then you will have already received notification of your child's place at school next week.

If you are someone you live with feels unwell, DO NOT send your child to school. It takes less than 48 hours now to get a test and potentially avoid spreading this virus further. For isolation guidance here is the NHS link:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/how-long-to-self-isolate/>

It is really helpful and can allow us to react quicker to potential outbreaks if you notify us, even during lockdown, if your child tests positive for covid. If your child is unwell, you can let the teacher know on Seesaw and avoid taking up your time or the teacher's time chasing up work.

## Celebrations



A huge congratulations to Class 8 who are this week's home learning superstars. 26 out of 30 of the class **completed every single piece** of home learning. Well done to all the children. You are home learning superstars. No wonder Miss Hughes is smiling!



## Safeguarding

This week we would like to share a website which is invaluable to parents and guardians in regards to deciding if content is appropriate for their child. This website has parent reviews of films, books, apps, TV shows and games. These parents rate the age they would recommend, rate how much of a certain theme appears and have a section entitled: *What Parents Need to Know* which covers any additional context you might need beforehand. Children also write their own reviews too.



<https://www.commonsensemedia.org/>

## Reminders

✓ Reading Plus and TTRockstars

Please ensure that your child is still logging onto TTRockstars and is completing their expected correct answers for the week. KS2 parents are reminded that at least 5 Reading Plus lessons are expected to be completed each week. Thank you.

✓ Morning snacks

The Government Fruit Scheme is restarting again today. There is no need to send snacks for our key worker children unless you want your child to have something different.

## Community

### Virtual Bedtime stories

Mandy Platt, from Bizzybods Boutique in Nantwich, Cheshire and SJ Hudson, a children's author also from Nantwich are hosting a virtual bedtime story event as part of National Storytelling week and Place2be's Children's Mental Health week. The events will take place on Facebook from Saturday 30th January until Sunday 7th February at 6.30pm every day.

They will be reading some classic stories from Winnie the Pooh and The Very Hungry Caterpillar, to Disney's The Jungle Book and Julia Donaldson's, The Gruffalo. We will also be providing some activities for children to take part in at home, these will include crafts, colouring, drawing and a word search, all themed around the book from that day.

Virtual Bedtime Story Event:

<https://fb.me/e/3YVhbgchk>

Charity Bedtime Story Event:

<https://fb.me/e/17GKpY15q>

<http://bit.ly/LottieLion>



The poster features a dark blue background with colorful illustrations of characters from children's books, including Winnie the Pooh, a rabbit, a caterpillar, a girl, a boy, a girl, a boy, a girl, and a gruffalo. The text reads: 'bizzybods & SJ HUDSON BOUTIQUE present Virtual Bedtime Stories'. Below this, it says 'Join us for National Story Telling Week Saturday 30th January - Saturday 6th February Every night at 6.30pm followed by a special online charity bedtime story event on Sunday 7th February to raise money for Place2be's Children's Mental Health Week Tickets available now'. At the bottom, there is a Facebook icon and the URL 'https://fb.me/e/17GKpY15q' along with a logo for 'Place2Be's CHILDREN'S'.



Please click on the link to see the latest powerpoint presentation from Cheshire Constabulary.

[While You Are At Home](#)

SWaNS CIC (who deliver our in school counselling) have been supporting the local charity Ruby's Fund through their Thriving Families Project.

If you are a parent or carer of a child with additional needs in Cheshire East and the surrounding areas, and you want to access their services, you can refer yourself here:

<https://www.thriving-families.org/login>

