

**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2021 (3 pages)**



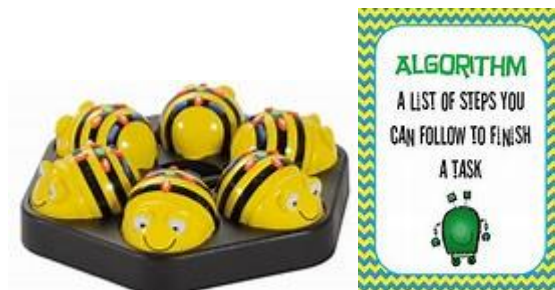
### **WELL DONE!**

Well done to everyone for some fantastic learning this week, whether in school or at home. We are so proud of all the children and their enthusiasm to complete their learning and their resilience in dealing with this ever changing situation. The teaching staff and I are so appreciative of the amazing support from parents and we hope that the Google meet sessions are helping to motivate children who are working at home. As always if there is anything that class teachers can help with, please do not hesitate to email or ring and we will do our best to get back to you as soon as we can.

### **MESSY CHURCH BAGS**

We are delighted that our local Church volunteers have kindly organised another set of Messy Church bags for all of our children. These will be handed out to children who are in school today and to those children who are back in on Monday. If your child/ren are currently working at home, please come and collect your bag. If you are unable to collect, we will do our best to deliver them to you.

### **BEEBOTS GIFT**



We are thrilled to have been gifted an amazing set of 'Beebots' and some supporting resources by a parent whose three children all attended Humshaugh First School over a number of years. The oldest child is just about to go off to University! We really appreciate their kindness and generosity and the children will benefit greatly from this amazing ICT resource.

### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

We are pleased to be able to resume our **after school Sports club and Zumba club** after half term (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February) for children in **Years 1 to 4** who are currently attending school.

Both sets of club leaders are taking part in the Covid testing programme and will also implement their own risk assessments while in school.

If your child is in school on a Monday (Sports club) or a Thursday (Zumba) and are in Years 1, 2, 3 or 4, they are welcome to join in with the club.

**Please email Mrs Long directly if you would like your child/ren to attend either or both of the after school clubs after half term.**

### **GOVERNMENT UPDATE ([www.gov.uk](http://www.gov.uk))**

Further updates about the wider reopening of schools will be published on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February. Once the staff and governors have had an opportunity to consider the new guidance and make appropriate plans, we will communicate with parents.

### **GOOGLE CLASSROOM/MEET**

All three class teachers have now launched Google meet with either the whole class or as 1:1 'catch up' meetings. It is fabulous to see all our home learners and their grown-ups and we hope you are finding the meets helpful and worthwhile. Teachers will continue to offer whole class and individual meets until school reopens fully.

### **DEVICES FOR REMOTE LEARNING**

If at any point, your child/ren do not have access to a device such as a laptop, ipad or tablet, please let me know. Mobile phone screens are not suitable for children to use. We will do our best to provide you with a device if you need one.

### **EXTRA JUMPER**

Following a mandatory check on our wall mounted fan heaters, we have been advised to ensure that at least one window remains open at all times in the classrooms and hall. Your child may bring an extra jumper to wear in class if they wish.

### **PE KITS**

Please ensure children have returned their PE kits in school for Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021 if they are attending school on that day.

After half term, the children in Years 1 to 4 will be doing ball football and ball skills so are likely to be outside whenever possible.

Please ensure that PE kits include tracksuit bottoms/leggings, trainers and a jumper or hoody.

### **UNIFORM**

Please ensure that ALL items of clothing and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

**We now have Humshaugh First School red hoodies available on [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk)**

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

11 <sup>th</sup> February:	Last day of term
12 <sup>th</sup> February:	Teacher day
22 <sup>nd</sup> February:	Spring 2 <sup>nd</sup> term starts
	Sports club resumes- Y1-4 (Collect at 4.15pm at the front door)
25 <sup>th</sup> February:	Zumba resumes Y1-4 (Collect at 4.15pm at the front door)-please provide trainers

## **COVID GUIDELINES**

Please ensure you are following the government guidelines to help protect your children, families and our staff and their families. We know that there have been several positive cases in the village recently, so it is vital that everyone is doing their part to reduce transmission.

**Please try to keep your contact to a minimum and please be mindful of the risk that our teachers and support staff are taking to keep school open.**



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**CORONAVIRUS TIER 4**

**STAY AT HOME**

[gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)

**Around 1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms**  
so will be spreading the virus without realising. We must all  
take action to protect each other and our hospital capacity.

<b>MEETING FRIENDS AND FAMILY</b>  <p>No household mixing, aside from support bubbles and two people meeting in public outdoor spaces.</p>	<b>BARS, PUBS AND RESTAURANTS</b>  <p>Hospitality closed, aside from sales by takeaway, drive-through or delivery.</p>	<b>RETAIL</b>  <p><b>Essential shops can open.</b> Non-essential retail must close and can only open for click-and-collect and delivery.</p>	<b>WORK AND BUSINESS</b>  <p>Everyone must work from home unless they are unable to do so.</p>
<b>EDUCATION</b>  <p>Early years settings, schools, colleges and universities open during term time. Registered childcare, other supervised activities for childcare purposes, and childcare bubbles permitted</p>	<b>INDOOR LEISURE</b>  <p>Closed.</p>	<b>ACCOMMODATION</b>  <p>Closed (with limited exceptions)</p>	<b>PERSONAL CARE</b>  <p>Closed.</p>
<b>OVERNIGHT STAYS</b>  <p>You must not stay overnight away from home. Limited exceptions apply.</p>	<b>WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS</b>  <p>Funerals of up to 30 people permitted. Wakes and other linked ceremonial events can continue in a group of up to six. Weddings of up to six can continue in exceptional circumstances.</p>	<b>ENTERTAINMENT</b>  <p>Indoor entertainment closed. Some outdoor attractions may remain open.</p>	<b>PLACES OF WORSHIP</b>  <p>Open for private prayer and communal worship, but cannot interact with anyone outside household or support bubble.</p>
<b>TRAVELLING</b>  <p>You must stay at home and only travel for work, education or other legally permitted reasons. If you must travel, you should stay local, and reduce the number of journeys you make. You must not leave a Tier 4 area or stay overnight away from home. Residents in Tiers 1 - 3 should not enter Tier 4 areas. Do not travel abroad if you live in a Tier 4 area unless an exemption applies.</p>	<b>EXERCISE</b>  <p>You can leave your home to exercise by yourself, with your household or support bubble, or with one person from another household. Outdoor sport allowed but gatherings limit applies except for youth and disabled sport.</p>	<b>RESIDENTIAL CARE</b>  <p>You can visit relatives in care homes with COVID-secure arrangements such as substantial screens, visiting pods, and window visits.</p>	<b>CLINICALLY EXTREMELY VULNERABLE</b> <p>The Clinically Extremely Vulnerable are advised to stay at home as much as possible, except to go outdoors for exercise or to attend health appointments.</p>