



Weekly News



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'Valuing Every Achievement'

MAYFIELD TV

DURING THIS PERIOD OF SCHOOL CLOSURE, TAKE A LOOK AT OUR MAYFIELD TV SOCIAL MEDIA SUITE. WE WILL BE USING THIS EXTENSIVELY.

FROM THURSDAY 7TH JANUARY WE WILL BE LAUNCHING OUR NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL AT 10.40 WITH THE FIRST OF OUR CLASSIC STORY TIMES THAT THE CHILDREN USUALLY HAVE EACH DAY IN SCHOOL.

https://twitter.com/mayfield_tv

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/tvmayfield>



We have established a NEW MAYFIELD PHONICS TV FACEBOOK page to carry our phonics live work each school day. We are asking families of children in reception class, year 1 and year 2 only to request to join this new live page which will be in use from Monday 11th January with live phonics sessions direct from school each day.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/mayfieldphonicstv>

MAYFIELD TV YOUTUBE is something we have been preparing for some time as a way of communicating the story of school in this time when parents and families cannot come into the building. We undertook a small number of tests in Autumn - and now this goes live today. It does not require a set of permissions at this stage as it will only use staff talking generically about school without using names or images of any children.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxUhSXkPLstL0jIGtP3g8qA>

REMOTE LEARNING MESSAGE

A reminder that our current remote learning daily timetable is fully rolled out. A full school day, planned each day and delivered across our school day and can be tapped into flexibly during the day. I understand Gavin Williamson and his Whitehall troops have built you all up to expect a combination of CBeebies and Channel 4, but back on planet Earth we have been planning and testing various realistic offers for three months in Autumn Term and launched our final proposal way back in November - alongside our personal commitment to devices being available from school if requested, We have done everything possible with the funds and support we have and used our Autumn Term sensibly to make preparations without any 11th hour panic. We meet expectations that I and government set. Pressure and threats from our mis-guided Education Minister is unhelpful, unsupportive and works directly against what we are doing in impossible circumstances. I will be saying more on a Youtube remote learning briefing being posted today. I urge you to take a look.

We thank all those who are using the system and I will be saying more about its rationale and how it can be utilised in a flexible way on that Youtube briefing.

We have built into the day the chance to offer feedback and we do want thoughts, communication and ideas about what we are doing. If you read our documentation, and my words on our website, you will know that our philosophy is test, try, dare to do, learn, improve and move on. Be patient if there are difficulties or questions. If you are looking for technological perfection then ask the government why they did not use the Autumn Term to ensure primary education - which they state as valuing above all other elements of society - to establish and install, as number one priority, a world class universal remote operating system for all to access when this pandemic was clearly not going away. There are many imperfections across this country at the moment, we are doing our best with our remote learning plan to be as perfect as humanly possible.

We have planned, tested, trialled and assessed many systems to achieve our best current way forward. Right now for our school we have adopted the strongest model possible. We monitor each day and consider each day and try to listen to a constructive thought but we will be giving this system the time it needs to embed and become familiar. Chopping and changing will not work. I am happy to share the process with anyone. I feel the chance for anyone to see what a primary school operating in such times is actually like would be a real bonus and would provide real first hand evidence of our true daily life right now.

We don't do anything at Mayfield without very careful thought, preparation and reflection and I always welcome debate, questions, analysis, observations, praise, thanks and discussion. I am here in work each day, I trust those wishing to check on our systems will join myself and school leaders in understanding what the true life of a remote learning, slightly open provision school looks and feels like right now in the most fearful hours of a pandemic.

We move forward and I will not be swayed from the measured path that is the right one for our school right now having assessed and measured the potential impact of everything fully.