

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week away from school with your incredibly well supported Home Learning on the Google Classroom—I cannot thank you enough for your encouragement of the children's learning. All of the school teaching team are incredibly grateful of your endeavours and the children's amazing learning responses across an array of curriculum areas. We would obviously still like your input into improving this offer and you have until tomorrow at 5 p.m. to tell us what you like, what works and what could be even better at : <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/APS2020GCPS>

This week we are publishing a reminder about online safety and SMART rules within the classroom to ensure children stay safe. We are additionally reminding you of the suggested age restrictions on Whatsapp and Tik Tok — ultimately you must choose what your child accesses away from home but please be mindful of the advice we are attaching today.

Finally, last Sunday and this week there have been announcements about a proposed gradual return to school—please see the letter attached about our school response to this.

Best wishes and stay safe, Anthony Carmel (Headteacher)

Ashmount Primary School

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**Apply now** for a place in our Nursery for our September and January intakes.



**Children between 3 and 4 years of age are eligible to join our nursery class.**

All children are entitled to a free 15 hours place (Mon-Fri, 9am - 12pm or 12:30pm - 3:30pm). Some children will be eligible for a free 30 hours place (Mon-Fri, 9am - 3:30pm).

We also offer families the opportunity to supplement this free entitlement by buying additional sessions.  
**Application forms can be obtained from the school office.**

## Online Safety

Keeping children safe remains the number one priority for us at Ashmount during this difficult period. As you all know google classroom has brought huge benefits in terms of keeping our school community connected as well as providing learning opportunities for your children.

However, it is important that we continue to be vigilant to ensure that children remain safe online.

In order to support you in having these conversations with your children we have created an 'Online Safety' section in each Google classroom. Here you will find the SMART rules and a selection of resources which you can use to facilitate conversations with your child. These will be regularly updated so please keep an eye out.

## An important reminder about Whatsapp and TikTok

Recently there have been incidents related to the misuse of Whatsapp and TikTok by children at Ashmount. We would like to remind you that the minimum age for these apps is 16+ and 13+. We strongly advise that no primary aged children should be using these apps.

However, keeping children safe remains our number one priority at Ashmount. As a result, if you as a parent/carer, decide to allow your child to access these apps we advise that you read the guides to them attached with this newsletter. We also strongly advise that you have access to your children's accounts in order that you can monitor the content and messages they send and receive on a very regular basis.

## Families Under Pressure – online resource

During this stressful and cooped-up time, don't let the pressure of parenting get you down. Try these simple tricks and tips, formulated by Professor Edmund Sonuga-Barke and the POP-UP team, which are backed by science and proven to work with families.

<https://familiesunderpressure.maudsleycharity.org/>

## Department of Education Parent Guidance on Schools Reopening

The Department of Education have published the following guidance and Q&As for Parents and Carers.

Opening schools and educational settings to more pupils from 1 June: guidance for parents and carers

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

## Q&A which answers key questions parents may have

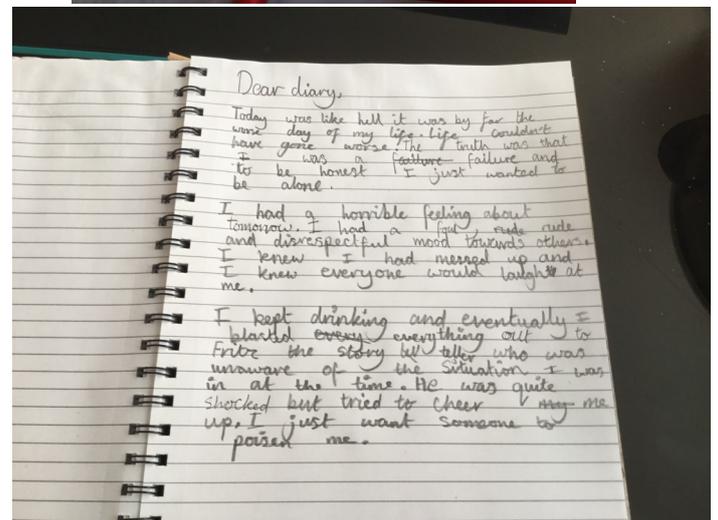
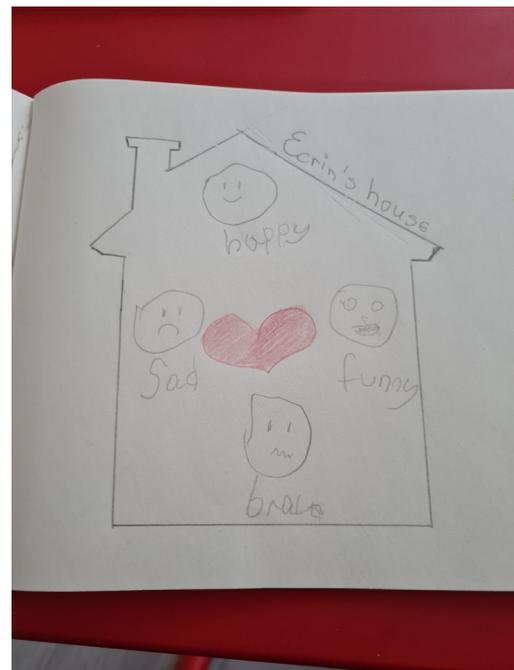
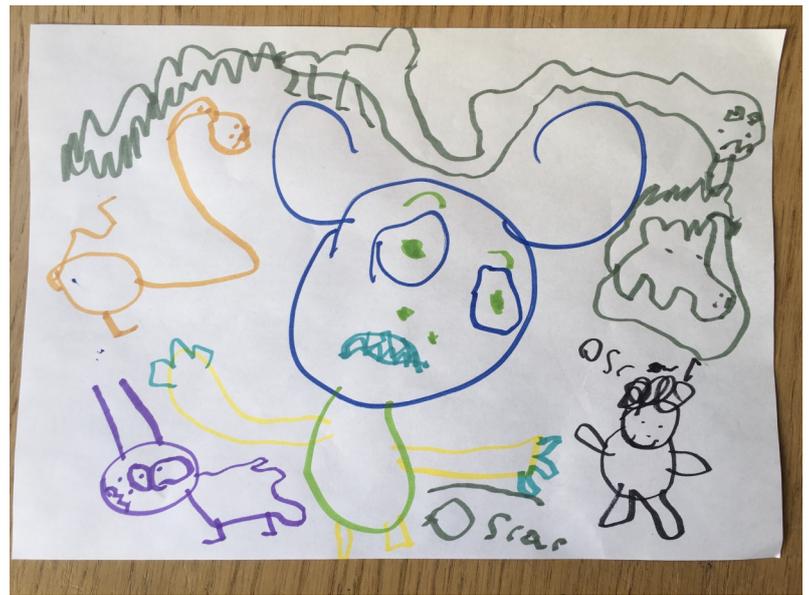
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## Supporting your child's education during Covid 19

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/supporting-your-childrens-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

# ASHMOUNT PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Friday 15th May 2020



Home Learning on the Google Classroom



## The Largest Online Art Lesson Ever

We have been given the opportunity to take part in a **world record attempt**. It has been set up by famed author and illustrator Rob Biddulph and the idea is to take part in the largest online art lesson ever! It is due to happen on the **21st May at 4pm for 30 minutes**. During the lesson you will learn to draw one of Rob's much loved characters. If you would like to learn more about this there is more information given in the link below. If you are interested in taking part you just need to sign up via this link and donate £1 to raise money to fight COVID-19.

<https://www.artworldrecords.com/>



## Free School Meals Check: Who can get free school meals?

Children are entitled to receive free school meals if they or their parents or guardians receive any of the following:

- Universal Credit providing you have net earnings of less than £7,400 a year (£616.67 a month)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Guarantee Credit element of State Pension Credit
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Child Tax Credit (providing you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190 as assessed by HMRC)

It is a simple process to check by going online at the following address. If you qualify you will be informed straight away and the school will be informed within 5 days and then able to issue supermarket vouchers via the Government's national Edenred scheme to support children on Free School Meals. It does not matter which local authority you live in you still apply via the Islington portal at the website below:

<https://www.islington.gov.uk//children-and-families/benefits-and-financial-support/free-school-meals-and-uniform-grant>

Congratulations to and who are this week's current league table top ten leaders. Here are the top 10 children on the leaderboard for Times Table Rockstars:

1. Samir
2. Milla
3. Sonny
4. Amanda
5. Piper
6. Laurie
7. Esther
8. Amar
9. Gedeon
10. Adele



Don't forget to watch Friday's Achievement Assembly in the Google Classrooms to see who else is being celebrated—this now goes live on a Friday afternoon as it would if we were at school!



Are you worried about your child?

Worried about how to answer their questions?

Unsure how best to support them emotionally during the  
lockdown?

Fiona is happy to discuss any questions and offer  
advice.



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