



HANDSWORTH NEWS

**BRANCHING OUT, GROWING TALL
HAND IN HAND, ONE AND ALL**



Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Today brings us to the end of our first half of the summer term. This warmer weather is wonderful and it looks like next week will be glorious for us all too.

As you know, we have been reflecting on how routines have changed during Covid and looking at how we can learn from what has been a challenging time for us all. Next term we will be sharing with you how we plan to make small changes to the school day in September. This is to ensure that things continue to run smoothly. Remember we will always share necessary information via our weekly newsletter, so please continue to read it.

This week we have enjoyed meeting our new Nursery and Reception parents, we are excited for you all to join the wonderful Handsworth community. We are very much looking forward to restrictions lifting and for us all to be able to meet together again.

As always, if you have any feedback or questions for us please get in touch. We value the importance of working together in order to be the best that we can be for our children.

Wishing you all a wonderful week.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Mrs Nairne





Our children have been working hard this week!

They have had lots of fun!

We wish you all an enjoyable half term break!



**Year 3
have
been
dissecting
flowers in
Science
this week.**

**Happy Birthday
to our
Handsworth
Legend Dale!
50 Years young
today. Thank
you Dale for
everything you
do.
You're amazing.
What would we
do without you?**

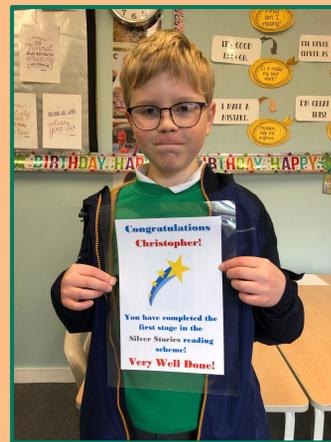
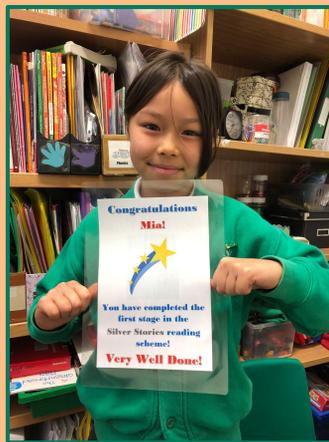
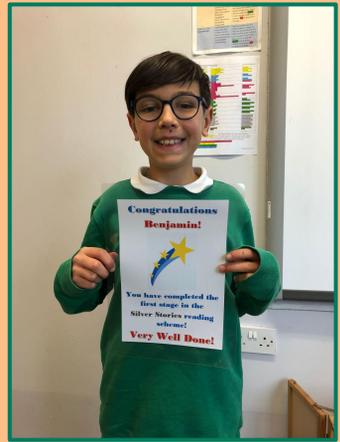




Well done to our School Councillors who have completed the first stage of the Silver Stories reading scheme.

Every Monday morning for the last six weeks they have contacted their Silver Listener and read to them down the phone.

The Silver Stories reading scheme will be continuing after the holiday!



Free home test kits

for residents without symptoms



Collect from your nearest collection point



Test twice a week



Protect your loved ones



If your home test result is negative

This does not guarantee you can't get Covid-19 so you should keep following national guidelines, including regular handwashing and social distancing.

If your home test result is positive

If you test positive or have Covid-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and get a PCR test within 48 hours. If the PCR test is positive, continue to self-isolate, but if the PCR test is negative, then you can stop self-isolating.

Get a PCR test at the following sites - open every day, 8am to 8pm, no need to book.

- Stanley Road car park, Leyton E10
- Linford Road car park, Walthamstow E17
- Church Lane car park, Leytonstone E11
- Richmond Road car park, Chingford E4
- Homebase car park, Walthamstow, E17 (open 9am-3pm, every other day)

If you can't get to a PCR site safely, book a test online at gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test or call 119

Worried about having to self-isolate?

If you're asked to self-isolate by NHS Test and Trace, it's vital that you do. But there is help available and you may be able to get financial support if you have to self-isolate and stop working. See walthamforest.gov.uk/self-isolation-support for more details.

All information were correct at the time of print.



1 in 3 people with Covid-19 have no symptoms

Regular testing is important to help stop the spread of the virus in our communities. If you have no symptoms, you can still pass the virus to others if you have Covid-19. Getting tested and self-isolating early if you test positive, helps to protect you and your loved ones.

Who can get free home test kits?

With Community Collect, all adults who do not have Covid-19 symptoms can get rapid home test kits.

How many test kits can you collect?

You can get 2 boxes of 14 tests for each member of your family or household over the age of 18 who do not have Covid-19 symptoms.

What does a home test involve?

- Take a test twice a week, every 3 or 4 days – get a result in 30 minutes!
- Report each result as soon as possible – call 119 or at gov.uk/report-covid19-result
- If you test positive, get a follow-up PCR test within 48 hours to confirm – results can take up to 3 days as these tests are sent to a lab.

If you've had the vaccine, should you still take a test?

Yes - there is still a risk that you can catch the virus and pass it to other people even if you've been vaccinated.



Where to get your rapid test kit

With Community Collect, you can pick up a free test kit quickly and easily to use at home.

-  **Symptom-free test sites**
Chingford Assembly Hall, Jubilee Centre, Leyton Cricket Ground, One Hoe Street – you can also get a test at these sites any day, 8.30am-7pm, no need to book.
-  **Libraries**
at Wood Street, Leyton, Leytonstone
-  **Leisure centres**
across Chingford, Leyton, Leytonstone, Walthamstow
-  **Participating venues**
including some faith-based settings, community groups and pharmacies – more venues coming soon!
-  **Online**
If you can't get to a collection point, order online at gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests

For details of all locations, and to find your nearest collection point, visit maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk



For up to date information on Community Collect, visit www.walthamforest.gov.uk/testing

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The purpose of Star of the Week is for us to have the opportunity to celebrate every child in our community specifically. We encourage everyone to celebrate what is wonderful about that child. Children do not need to do anything to earn Star of the Week – each child deserves it and they will each get a turn.

If your child is Star of the Week we encourage you to ask them to repeat to you some of the positive statements their classmates and teachers make about them and add your own!