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Dear Parents and Students,

Hello from Henry B! Edition 15

I am hoping in the next few days that the Government will inform schools of its plan for a full return to the school site in September. I anticipate we will hear it at the same time as you! So in the meantime I have focused this week's newsletter on events and activities for the remainder of the term.

This week's recipe is for carrot cake, which I always try to convince myself meets the requirement for 1 portion of the five a day vegetable/fruit guidance. Surely, the carrot content counts?!

I have included below a number of websites that can be used from home that will support reading and literacy. I would recommend that these are explored over the summer holidays as well as the next few weeks. This will help you prepare for the Autumn term and benefit all subjects.

## 1) Love Reading 4 Schools

**Website:** <https://www.lovereading4schools.co.uk>

**Description:** a site with recommended booklists, categorised by age range and topic, covering fiction and non-fiction.

**Registration:** not required

## 2) National Literacy Trust

**Website:** <https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/>

**Description:** a range of family activities to support literacy.

**Registration:** not required

## 3) Audible

**Website:** <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

**Description:** all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

**Registration:** not required

## 4) Pobble 365

**Website:** <https://www.pobble365.com/>

**Description:** a new image is published each day as a basis for creative writing. Story starters, questions and drawing ideas are provided.

**Registration:** not required

## 5) The Children's Poetry Archive

**Website:** <https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/>

**Description:** an archive of spoken poetry recordings. Pupils can listen to poems being read aloud.

**Registration:** not required

In conjunction with this, Mrs Ireland and Mrs Briggs are channelling hbX this week through the launch of the Summer Reading Challenge:

*Today we launch 'Summer Reads', what do you plan on reading over the summer? Are you going to take some inspiration from staff? How will you be able to access new books today and through the summer holidays?*

*We have made Library access possible for you, virtually. From today, all students have access to our eBooks Platform. Use the student guide and follow the steps to access our virtual Library. You can loan books to read through your devices, and it is so quick and easy. There are no age restrictions on the books so parents need to be aware that what you are reading is age appropriate.*

*Keep us updated with your book choices, favourite reads, quotes, authors, genres, by emailing [library@beaufort.hants.sch.uk](mailto:library@beaufort.hants.sch.uk)*

*All information about Summer Reads will be in the hbX folder.*

*We hope you enjoy!*

*Mrs Briggs and Mrs Ireland*

The theme of summer challenges continues with Mr Janes competition on 'The Past 100 days', details of which are attached to the newsletter.

I do hope that as many of you as possible will take part. We really want to hear about your experiences. With a tweet version as well as an essay version there is no excuse not to enter!

I include some updated guidance from the Government on keeping children safe on line:

*With the Home Office and the Department for Culture, Media and Sport, we have updated advice and guidance to help parents and carers to keep children safe online during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak to include new information on apps to help children stay safe online.*

*The advice and guidance on keeping children safe online can be found here:*  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-keeping-children-safe-online>

If you are an ex Weeke Primary students [or parent!] we have a message from Mrs Goodchild, Deputy Headteacher at Weeke Primary School:

Dear Past Pupil of Weeke Primary School,

I hope this letter finds you well.

As a past member of Weeke Primary School, I am writing to you to let you know that Mrs Elaine Mousley and Mrs Fi Goodman will be leaving Weeke this summer after many years of teaching year six children. They have both made a fantastic difference to the experience of many pupils and I know you will have lots of great memories of your time in their class, of the residential with them and of course the many fancy dress opportunities!

It is important that we celebrate their departure in a memorable way despite not being able to have a large get together of past pupils, friends and colleagues. Therefore, I would like to invite you to send a current photograph of yourself (if you are happy to do so) with any special memories of your time in their year 6 class or a special message to them to: [a.goodchild@weeke.hants.sch.uk](mailto:a.goodchild@weeke.hants.sch.uk) (these can be individual messages or to both teachers together).

Ideally, I would hope to receive ALL contributions by Tuesday 7th July so that I can compile everything for the end of term. It doesn't matter how long ago you left Weeke - I know they would love to hear from you!

Thank you very much for your help.

Best wishes,

Mrs Goodchild

We say farewell to a number of staff at the end of this term.

Mrs Humphries [Maths] and Mr Mordecai [Science] are retiring, having given a combination of 57 years' service to the school. We wish them well in their future activities although Mrs Humphries won't quite be letting us go as she will return to teach for a few days a week in the Autumn term.

Miss Balcombe is moving on to a Head of English post in another school in Hampshire and Mr Leighton is taking up a SENDCo role in a school closer to his home. Miss Offord [English] is moving to Switzerland and in the Learning Support team Miss McDougall and Mr Stott start teacher training and Mr May moves on to post graduate education.

Thank you all so much for all you have undertaken in support of our young people both in the classroom and as part of the additional curricular and extra-curricular work you have undertaken. We wish you every success in the future.

We will be having a farewell meeting for our colleagues and reflecting on their individual contributions to the school in the final newsletter in July but I know that you will also want to pass on your thoughts and good wishes to our colleagues before we reach the end of term.

With my best wishes to you and your families,

Miss Hearle  
Headteacher