Good afternoon everyone,

I hope you are well!

**Homelearning**

Well done for completing another week of homelearning!  I think the children have got back into a routine following the Easter holidays.  Thank you to everyone for engaging and keeping in touch regularly, it is much easier for staff to gauge achievements and difficulties and help with future planning!  If you are struggling, please email your class teacher, they are there to help you out!  There are a number of families who have arranged a telephone conversation for their child with their class teacher, and this has helped the children with their learning, or their general wellbeing.  Please get in touch if your child would benefit from this too, I am also more that happy to chat with children if you wish!

**Paper Supplies**

Julie Hunter has been in school today and topped up the paper supply, please feel free to help yourself to a pack of paper.  Wizz Lees has also, very generously popped a stack of unused diaries in  the paperbox too, again please help yourself.  You may wish to leave the paper in quarantine for 72 hours, and give your hands a good wash after handling.

**Free School Meals and Fareshare**

The government's voucher system for those receiving Free School Meals appears to have settled down after the initial teething problems.  Families are now receiving weekly £15 supermarket vouchers as replacement for their school meals.  Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

* o    Income Support
* o    income-based Jobseeker’s Allowance
* o    income-related Employment and Support Allowance
* o    support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
* o    the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
* o    Child Tax Credit (provided you’re not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
* o    Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
* o    Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get

Please email Julie on the school office email (admin@shap.cumbria.sch.uk) for any issues with your Free School Meals vouchers, or if you think you may be eligible to claim.

A huge thank you to Pauline Harron, our governor, who is coordinating food parcels using the Fareshare produce.  Pauline is even making sure there is no waste by preparing meals and puddings too!  It is great to see our families benefitting from this; anyone who would like to receive food parecels, please contact Pauline on 07538587613, or email Pauline.harron@gmail.com

Finally, below is information from Bev Gee at Penrith Library, who has some exciting information to share with you about what their library can offer you.

Please have a lovely weekend, and enjoy this glorious weather!

Keep in touch, and remember we are here for you!

Kind Regards,

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Dear All

***WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD INCLUDE THIS INFORMATION IN YOUR SCHOOL E-LETTERS OR FACEBOOK PAGE***

We hope you are all keeping well and staying positive during these strange and difficult times.

Although the libraries in the area are currently shut we wanted to let you know that Penrith Library is still open online.

* Pupils and parents are able to join online if they are not yet a member.
* All members have access to our huge range of resources including **Borrowbox**, which offers e-books and e-audio books for free, and **PressReader** and **RBdigital** which offer access to a wide selection of comics, magazines and newspapers.
* If children need help with their school work we also have access  to **Brittanica Library** and a variety of **Oxford Dictionaries**

ALL these resources are free and can be found at [**https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online\_resources/onlineresources.asp**](https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/libraries/online_resources/onlineresources.asp)

Our Facebook page is also being updated daily with interesting items for both children and adults.  Take a look at [**https://www.facebook.com/penrithlibrary**](https://www.facebook.com/penrithlibrary)

* Tuesday and Thursday – listen to Claire **read a book** from our extensive children’s library and take part in the **craft sessions** that accompanies each story
* Thursday  - On-line **Lego Club** with Bev, a different challenge each week

**Pyjamarama  -** we will also be joining in with the **Book Trust** to celebrate this annual event on **Friday 1st May**.  Check out [**https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/**](https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/pyjamarama/)for more information.

**VE Day Celebrations**  - Although we can’t host the events we had planned we would like to celebrate VE Day on the 8th May and would love your school and pupils to take part in our virtual celebration to make the longest VE bunting in Cumbria!

We are asking individuals to cut out a triangle from paper or card (to represent bunting) and write down a message, telling how they and their family, celebrated VE Day.  Send a photograph to Claire at **Claire.Dougherty@cumbria.gov.uk** and we will include it on our Facebook page bunting!

Hopefully it won’t be long until we reopen and see you all again at Penrith Library.

Take Care.

Bev Gee

Young Person’s Library

Penrith