



All Things Thurlby

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Dear Parents

Asymptomatic Testing of Staff

In line with government guidance, we are pleased to be rolling out twice weekly testing for staff in school starting Monday 25th January. We hope that this will be an added layer of protection for us all as 1 in 3 people with COVID will not display symptoms.

Important Reminders for Home Learning

We understand that many parents are working from home, whilst home schooling, and we do appreciate how hard this must be. We are still encouraging children to join all live lessons as education must continue so children do not fall behind.

- Please try to upload what your children have been learning to Purple Mash (see below) so that the teachers can keep abreast of where your child is in their learning and what they need to do next. Without this information, teachers are unable to tailor their lessons in the same way that they would if the children were in school.
- We found that children's stamina for extended writing was severely affected during the last lockdown so we will continue to set tasks that require the children to write at length. Please ensure you are also uploading these tasks so that teachers can provide purposeful feedback and know where their children's gaps are within their class.
- When uploading work, please try to do this at the end of each day or at regular intervals through the week to avoid teachers having an influx of work at the weekends when they are then planning ahead for the forthcoming week.
- Please remember teachers are not only teaching children at home, online, but also have children in their classrooms that require support, therefore, please email enquiries@thurlby.lincs.sch.uk if you have any questions, as a parent, rather than asking teachers during the lesson.
- As mentioned in previous correspondence, parents should email the enquiries address with questions/queries and NOT the class teachers. Please do not use the chat function for this purpose either as we need to leave this for child and teacher interactions only.
- All of our children are entitled to the Microsoft Office package using their Thurlby email address. If you need to set this up, simply google Microsoft Office and click on Office 365 Login/Microsoft Office and create your account with your child's Thurlby email address.

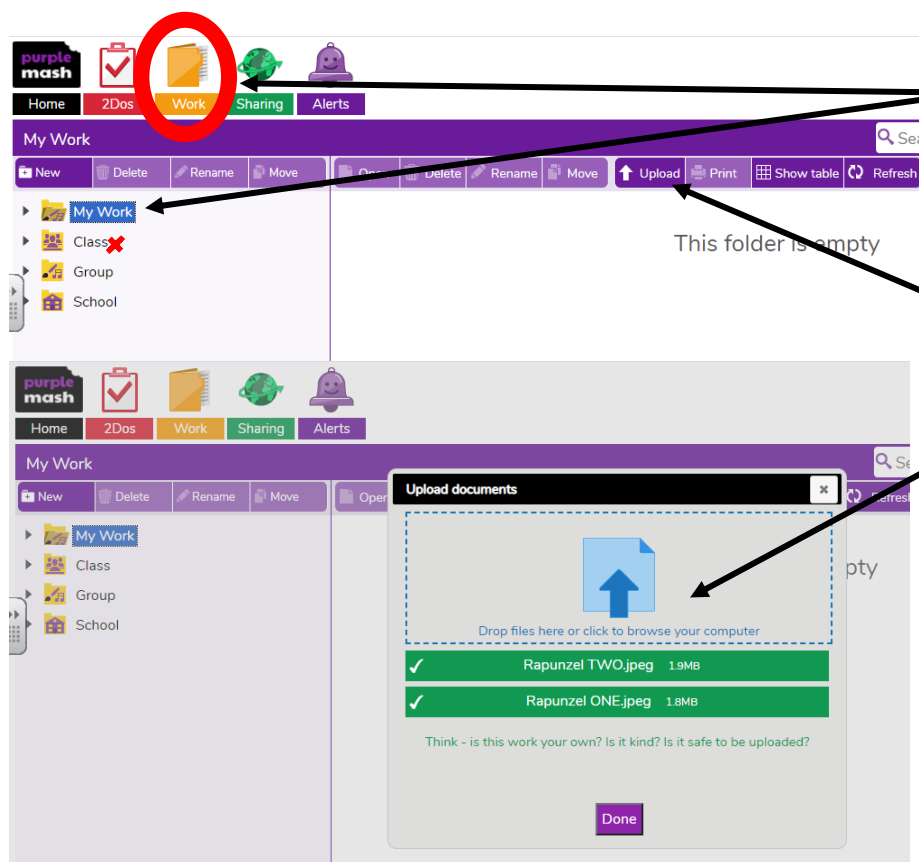
How to upload to Purple Mash

We love to see all of the work your children have been completing at home. Uploading your child's work to Purple Mash ensures staff can provide them with encouragement, feedback and any possible next steps. In addition to this, it also enables teachers to tailor their planning for subsequent lessons as they are informed about your child's achievement.

There are a few options for uploading your child's work to Purple Mash. Below is a quick guide for:

- uploading work, photos or videos to your child's work folder
- uploading work after being set a 2Do

Option One - upload to your child's work folder

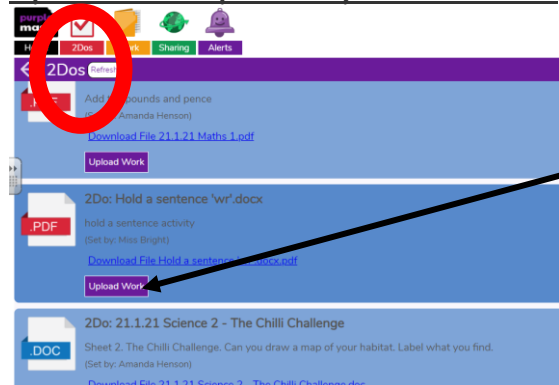


1. Ensure you/your child clicks on the **'My Work'** folder under the **'Work'**

2. Click **'Upload'**

3. After selecting **'Upload'**, the box opposite will appear. Depending how you access Purple Mash, you can then upload files from the relevant folder/app from your laptop/smart phone/tablet. You can upload multiple files/images/videos at once.

Option Two - upload to your child's 2Do



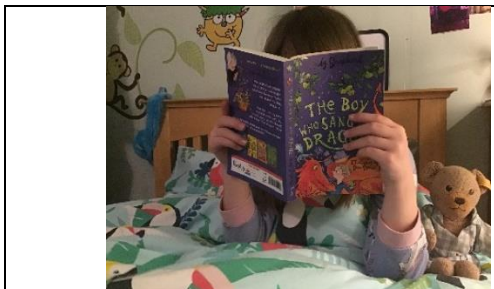
After completing a 2Do, you/your child can go back to the **'2Do'** tab. Click **'Upload Work'** (on the relevant 2Do) and the box (as above) will appear. As above, depending how you access Purple Mash, you can then upload files from the relevant folder/app from your laptop/smart phone/tablet. You can upload multiple files/images/videos at once.

Recommended Reads



Does your child have any books (fiction or non-fiction) that they really love to read or listen to someone read to them? If they do, please could you take a photo of them, anywhere they like, reading their book and email them to Miss Bright: kelly.bright@thurlby.lincs.sch.uk OR upload it to your child's Purple Mash folder.

We would love to include some of their recommendations in the newsletter each week to help give everyone inspiration for new books to read.



Elouise, in Y2, has just started reading 'The Boy who Sang with Dragons' by Andy Shepherd. This is the fifth book in the series and Elouise has loved reading all of them.



Rosie, in Y5, has really enjoyed reading 'Jungledrop' by Abi Elphinstone. Rosie thinks it's an adventurous book with a good plot.



Georgia, in Y2, has been reading part of the 'Zoe's Rescue Zoo' series by Amelia Cobb.




Alice, in Y2, has been enjoying reading a book about fairies and gymnastics. It's from the 'Rainbow Magic' series by Daisy Meadows

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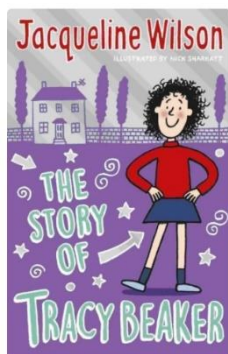
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EYFS and Key Stage 1 snacks

For children in school we can confirm that the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme (SFVS) has now resumed and fruit will be available for your child to have at break time from Monday 25th January onwards.



Reception

Our Reception children have been busy creating their own space rockets using blocks and crates in the outdoor area this week.



Year 5

In Year 5 this week, as part of our topic work, we compared Victorian schools to those today. At home and at school the children wrote out lines over and over again, just how the Victorians learnt. Children in class also looked the part!

It has been great to see the children getting on well at home too. You are all doing so well, I am so proud of you all, Mrs Wells.



Final Reminder - Reception Places - September 2021

The application process for children starting school in September 2021 commences on 16th November 2020. This applies to all children who were born between 1 September 2016 and 31 August 2017. Applications for Reception places should have been submitted by 12 noon on 15th January 2021; however, the portal will be available until 28th January 2021 to ensure all applications are submitted. If you haven't yet made your application, please do so via the following link as a matter of urgency - <https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-admissions/apply-school-place>.

Road Safety

Please see the latest parent newsletter from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership below:

Time for Road Safety



**Lincolnshire
Road
Safety
Partnership**

The newsletter from the LRSP Education Team

Term 3 –Primary Parents In-Car Safety

Happy New Year

Seatbelts and correctly fitted child car seats should be used for every journey, even shorter ones close to home. Vehicles do not need to be travelling very fast to have a collision that could cause serious injury. If a vehicle stops suddenly, anyone unrestrained will continue to travel forwards instead of being held safely in the seat.

It is a legal requirement for all vehicle occupants to wear seatbelts where they are fitted, both in the front and the back. Children should use correctly fitted car seats or boosters until they are either 135 cm tall or 12 years old (whichever comes sooner).

Despite the chance of a fine of up to £500, many people are happy to break the law and take the risk.

For further advice on in-car safety and legislation on the use of seatbelts and child restraints see:

[Rospa car seat safety advice](#)

[Rospa Child car seats](#)



Car parks and driveways

Every year people are injured or lose their lives due to being hit by a vehicle in a car park or on a driveway. Sadly the driver is often a family member or friend who has simply not seen the other person next to the car. It is best to check all blind spots around a vehicle before moving off from a stationary position.

In colder weather it is easy to avoid taking the time to clear windscreens and windows properly when you are in a rush. Any amount of snow, ice or condensation can create a blind spot.

The school run



These zigzagged markings outside schools are to provide a clear, safe area where children can see traffic, and be seen by drivers. Drivers should never stop on them, even for picking up and dropping off children.

Always park where it is safe and legal to do so and make sure your child gets out of the car on the kerb side rather than into the traffic.

You could ask your school if they have a designated park and stride or walking bus facility. Parking further away from school and walking is better for everyone, as well as the environment around the school.

Look out for the next newsletter in term 4.

Contact Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership Education team on 01522 805800.

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