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Thank You Parents And Carers

Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to start this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to all parents and carers. As we enter week six of lockdown on Monday you are doing an incredible job. You have had the difficult task of keeping your children safe inside, entertained, educated and keeping their attitudes positive. I do understand what that is like. So give yourself a pat on the back, have a breather and remember all the good things you have done for your children, and the extra time you have been able to spend with them. Thank you.

Returning to School

There is a lot of speculation in the media about schools returning. Some of you will be pleased by the prospect, others will be worried about it - neither opinion is the right or wrong one. There have been no fixed dates linked to the return of schools, as always we will following the Department for Educations (DfE) advise and will let you know about school starting, when we know. When the time comes we will do all we can to ensure that your child, the staff and you continue to stay safe.

Four Pronged Approach to Home Learning!

We are eager to keep in touch with you and eager to keep the children progressing well in these difficult times.

- On our website there is a tab called Children. When you click on it there are home learning lessons for each year group
- If we have your email address our teachers are eager to look at work that has been done and give you feedback. They can also give you advice on a more individual basis through email
- Some of our teachers have been out and about delivering packs to you. They have told me they have enjoyed meeting some of you and having a chat
- We have a table outside our front entrance here at school where we are leaving packs for you to collect, as agreed by you and the teacher

Heritage Service

The Heritage Service are creating a new family activity pack each week which can be completed at home with materials which can be found around the house. The activities will be based on their sites and collections and will have links to information and ideas for further research.

They have two currently available 'Make your own Dragon puppet' and 'Crazy Coins'. They will be adding a new activity pack each week as well as online exhibitions.

https://www.iow.gov.uk/Residents/Libraries-Cultural-and-Heritage/Heritage-Service/Museum-Service/Activities-for-families

Free School Meal Vouchers

We know there have been many frustrations with this scheme. The company selected by the DfE have not been able to cope with the amount of traffic to their website, and the system has been slow and troublesome. Initially, Edenred denied any problems and said that the school's were making up waiting times etc. However, they have finally issued an apology - albeit for only two days last week! I would personally like to thank Miss Rorich who has worked tirelessly on this, often starting early in the mornings or carrying on late into the evenings to try and avoid 'peak times'. Don't forget there are some helpful screen shots on the website showing the process to redeem vouchers.





Some of you may have experienced some slow running of the administrator online ordering website and the eCode redemption website on 27th/28th April due to an identified issue with the system.

This also means that many people were experiencing 'Invalid eCode' error messages on the eCode redemption website.

We'd like to apologise for any inconvenience caused and reassure you that our teams have worked hard to deploy a solution which has now rectified the problem.

Free Yoga videos from YogaatSchool.org.uk

Here is a link to some yoga video lessons that children (with Autism and without) can practise at home during the Coronavirus Lockdown - which I am offering for FREE!

Here is the link: https://www.yogaatschool.org.uk/free-yoga-lessons-for-children-with-autism/?utm source=newsletter&utm medium=email&utm campaign=Buzz Freeyogalessons

Home Art Ideas from Quay Arts

Here is a link to a new activity to try at home - http://www.quayarts.org/homeart-2-make-a-collage/ Quay Arts have also made a new blog called 'Quay@Home' where they will be uploading all content each week! http://www.quayarts.org/quayhome/

Bank Holiday

Please note that the school is closed to all children on **Friday 8th May** due to the bank holiday.

Best wishes

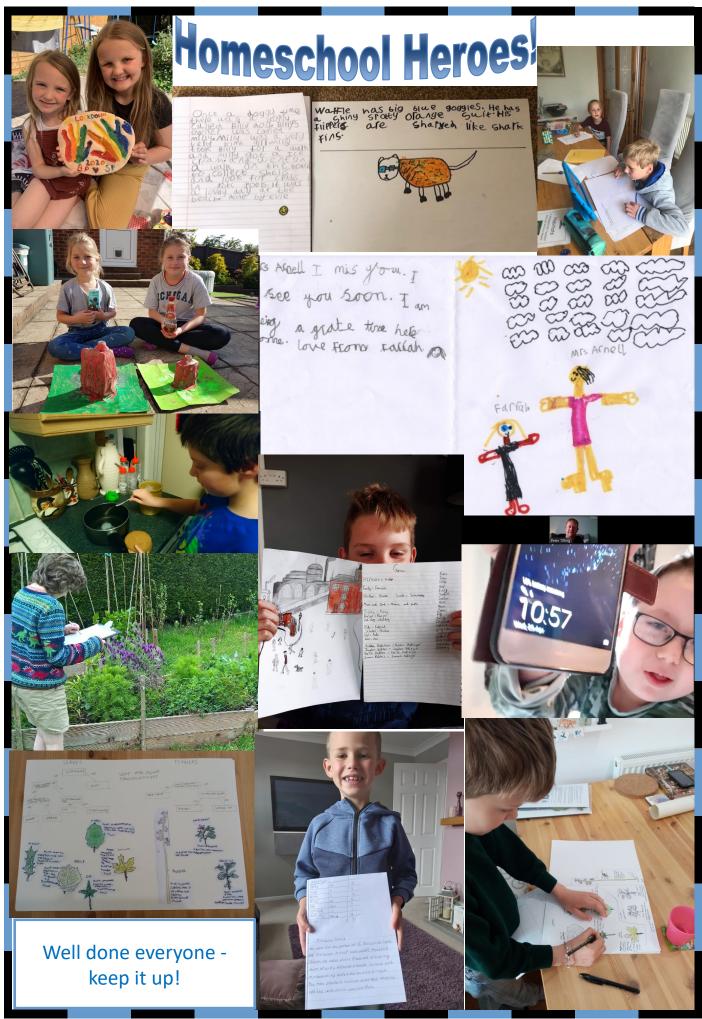
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