

Learning and Caring Together,
“...they will flourish in the courts of our God.” (Psalm 92:13)

COVID-19 School Closure Keeping in touch: Letter 5

24th April 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope you are all remaining well and safe. I have seen a number of you and the children in the community and it always brightens my day! I had a note under my doormat too; thank you Lucy! I know we are all looking forward to returning to school, when it is safe to do so, and I assure you that when we have any factual information regarding this, we will respond to directives and update you promptly.

Last week, I shared a newsletter about the importance of accessing health care for your children's needs during the COVID-19 pandemic and this week I am attaching this week's Child Death Prevention Newsletter about **Home Safety**. I have also attached a Public Health England publication, **Looking after your feelings and body**. These documents, and a wealth of other information, are on our **website** under the **wellbeing area**. Please do take a look regularly.

Thank you for engaging with **Class Dojo** and your positive feedback. The staff have really enjoyed seeing the children and speaking with you all about lots of things including family fun, home learning, **newsletter** activities (website – news and events – weekly newsletters), class stories, challenges and much more! This is also a great way to share some home learning with your child's class teacher so that they can give feedback (verbal marking).

I have been updating you weekly about **home learning packs**. Electronic packs will be uploaded to our website (curriculum tab – home learning) by 9.00am on 27th April 2020. Most 'lessons' are on PowerPoint presentations and children can use their exercise books to complete any work needing paper/recording. You will also have seen in the media about the launch of **The Oak National Academy** and **BBC Bitesize** home learning. Mrs Horden has put together an update sheet and instructions for these areas and I have attached it to this letter. We will be uploading this to our home learning page on the website too.

Learning Pack activities are a given but in school this week, the children and staff have also made the most of the weather once more. They have made dens, ridden the bikes and chosen toys to take outside to play. They have also finished their Very Hungry Caterpillar display in the library, sent birthday cards to The Queen and Major Tom and celebrated St George's Day through stories, craft and forestry. What a busy week!

As always, my **mission** is included on the weekly newsletter. I would love to see photos of the children working hard on these. Please upload to dojo or send through to Mrs Leese. **This week, my mission will be to send in a photograph of your child dressed up as a key worker (any profession) and/or a thank you poster.** We will be putting all submissions together 'as one' with a thank you song backing track so please do take part if you are happy for your child's photograph to be shared publicly e.g. on Twitter and

in the media. **Please note: by submitting your photo, you are giving permission for it to be shared publicly through all media unless you explicitly request that your child's photo is not used.**

That's it for this week folks. As always, take care. With very best wishes,



Mrs S. Machin
Principal

