

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

COVID-19 School Closure Keeping in touch: Letter 6

1st May 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

I hope all is well for you at home, despite the change in the weather! Once again, I have no other official information to share about school closure or reopening as yet. You will have seen the government briefings suggesting that further plans will be shared next week, but that is as much as we know at the moment. I know we will all agree that the main priority is safety for all.

It has been so lovely to see and hear from more children on **class dojo** this week. Thank you for engaging; it is a great way to stay connected and to receive feedback about home learning too. I have seen: bike riding, bed making, assault courses, baking, reading, bug hunting, art work, writing, planting, dancing, maths, camping (in gardens) and much, much more!

This week's **learning packs** were uploaded to our website on Monday and next week's will be posted there by 9am on Monday too. I emphasise, once more, that although home learning is expected, not all 'lessons' are compulsory. We are providing you with a wealth so that you can choose activities and subjects that interest your child and that you feel comfortable in teaching. We absolutely understand that, like us, you are juggling many things and having to work with new routines.

Thank you for the many children that have completed my **mission** this week! The 'closing date' for photographs of your children dressed up as a key worker (any profession) and/or a thank you poster is Monday 4th May. We will then 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.*

Well, what have the children been up to **in school** this week? As Mr Carter and Mr Warrington have been in school, there has been lots of sport (as you can imagine) including dancing for International Dance Day. The children have also made a farmer scarecrow and discussed how and why farmers are key workers for our local, national and global community. Our 'in school' staff and children also have something else to share with you all. As part of 'Staffordshire Day', the public were invited to sing along to Robbie Williams' 'Angels' as a tribute to the NHS and key workers. Mrs Best, Mrs Huckfield and Mrs Martin recorded and submitted a school entry for this and made it onto their video! If you look at the bottom left corner of the screen (at about 3.13mins) you can see them waving, singing and dancing. Here is the link:

<https://www.enjoystaffordshire.com/whats-on/staffordshire-day/staffordshire-day-angels>

Before I sign off for another week, I want to acknowledge how extremely disappointing it will be for our Year 4 children who were due to go to **Standon Bowers** this year. We are liaising closely with leadership at the outdoor centre and will review our position once we have 'next phase' guidance from the government in terms of school closure/reopening and social distancing restrictions. Please be assured that you will be refunded in full should the visit not be rearranged for later in this academic year.

As always, best wishes to you all!

Mrs Machin



Mrs S. Machin
Principal

PS. Keep your eyes peeled for our latest newsletter on Monday! I haven't seen it myself yet but I believe there is a VE Theme for next week.