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Reminders: If anyone in your household develops a cough or temperature the whole household must isolate themselves for 14 days. Please keep up to date with government advice. Letters issued this week: Covid-19 undates. Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday

The News from the Desk of the Executive Head

Thank you to everyone for all your lovely messages of support and appreciation of staff in our school. It is indeed a strange time in our world right now but it is evident from social media reports, news report and of course from local things I have heard that we are all remembering we are a community and that together we can get through this.

Our children are brilliant. They have continued to learn and keep persevering as the week has gone on. They naturally are curious and concerned about what the next weeks will bring but we are being honest with them and explaining that, as with other viruses, we need to maintain our health and hygiene through washing our hands and maintaining some elements of social isolation. We have been greeting each other with a smile and a bow. For those families who are now self-isolating, we miss the children and your faces but we have started to receive emails/photographs and messages about the things they are getting up to. They are accessing our home learning activities and of course they can interact with their class teacher through the website and the chat room. We have of course talked to them about chat room etiquette and being sensible when they message. It is important that everyone keeps learning each day to keep the brain active. Reading, writing, times tables, number bonds, PE activities, learning about other cultures, playing a musical instrument all these things will keep your child engaged and happy and well.

I have just encountered Year One children measuring our school as part of their maths. Year 6 were busy planning self-discipline from home and also checking their maths calculations. In Reception they had a vast ocean of fish they were exploring and Year 2 were busy writing away. Year 4 and 5 were getting some fresh air when I had a wander round and just generally enjoying being together whilst Year 3 were focussed on cracking times tables. You see? We never stop here at Stratford! The staff are so determined that it is business as usual.

My message to you is to take each day as it comes. For now the schools are closed for 2 weeks to the majority of children then we will have the Easter holidays. Let's cross the next bridge when it comes. For those children who will still be able to come on to the school site, we have staff who are working together to care for the children during school hours and we are planning things to keep them engaged and to enable them to also complete the activities we have set online.

All statutory assessments for this year are cancelled; Y6, Y2, Y1 phonics and Y4 multiplication tests. There will be no performance tables published next year. However, teachers have plenty of ongoing assessment information and know their children well. We keep detailed information about progress and when we return we will ensure that all children have areas of the curriculum retaught to close gaps. But that is another bridge and we'll deal with that in due course.

The school is going to have a lovely clean whilst the majority of people are not in and we have cleared surfaces and key displays to ensure we are clean and fresh. I could do with my own house being done as well to be honest!

I will keep in touch with you all in one form or another. Keep an eye on our website, check your emails and actually have some family time as best you can. Thank you to all who are keeping us safe and well, we appreciate it.

'Most obstacles melt away when we make up our minds to walk boldly through them' - Orison Swett Marden.

Mrs Humphriss

Message to all parents

If your child can not get access to their class page on eSchools, please contact the office before midday on Friday 20th March.

Teachers will be uploading work for children during the school closures and the children will be able to keep in contact with each other.

Please keep an eye on your email as Mrs Humphriss will endeavour to send out regular updates via ParentPay.

Remember - Wash your Hands!



Wet hands with water



apply enough soap to cover all hand surfaces.



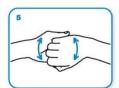
Rub hands palm to palm



right palm over left dorsum with interlaced fingers and vice versa



palm to palm with fingers



backs of fingers to opposing palms with fingers interlocked

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Warwickshire Schools Health and Wellbeing Service

★ You can still contact the Schools Health Team for advice and support if you need it:

- ★ Parentline on 07520 619 376.
 - Young people aged 11-19 can text ChatHealth
 - on 07507 331 525 (see attached for ChatHealth poster).
- Friday 9am-4.30pm.
- Our service webpage contains useful information for children, young people and their families and will be updated with the latest information and advice from our service: https://www.compass-uk.org/ services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/
- Support and information is also available from the Family Information Service (FIS) - https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis

STEM - Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths



Children can actually do some pretty mind-blowing, hands-on science and technology investigations at home using materials you probably have lying around the house.

Please visit any of the sites listed below to get ideas and methods enabling children to access STEM subjects at home.

Children -Remember to take pictures and do a small write up for any investigation or project that you complete.

stem.org.uk sciencebuddies.org scienceforkidz.co.uk sciencefun.org.uk pintrest.co.uk

Have fun and enjoy your Science from a different laboratory - Mrs Ingate



Home Learning

Some of our children are already using our home learning packs and eSchools class pages.



Please make sure your child has logged on at home to check that their password works!



Sport Relief - 1 mile in the Paddock

Last Friday, our children and teachers ran a mile around the Paddock and dressed in sporty clothes to raise money for Sport Relief. As a school we raised £165.00 for the charity. Well done everyone!





MOST NEEDED ITEMS

- UHTJUICE
- o UHTMILK
- o PASTA
- o RICE
- TINNED VEG PEAS/CARROTS/SWEETCORN
- TINNED POTATOES
- o TINNED FRUIT
- o RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD
- PEANUT BUTTER/JAM
- SMALLJARS OF COFFEE
- SAVOURY CRACKERS
- o SHAMPOO
- o DEODORANT
- SHAVING FOAM
- o HANDWASH/BARS OF SOAP
- o WASHING UP LIQUID
- SMALL SIZE WASHING POWDER/LIQUID

Danations can be left at Tesco, Morrinons, Waltrase, Coop, Sainsbury's Lacal, Budgens at Bidford, Stratford Leisure Centre, Honley High School, local Churches (Including Holy Trintify) or brought directly to our Warehouse in the Tesco Carpark (app. Citck & Collect) at the fallowing times: Manday & Wednesday 2 – 3.30pm or Saturday 9.30 – 11.30am

Thank you for your support

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<u>Year 1</u>

Year 1 have been making the most of some sunshine this week during their lessons about measurements!

They have also been practising their singing and acting skills in The Tempest.

