

Thursday 21st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Our children continue to impress me with their commitment to their schoolwork, and this week has been no exception. Children in Year 6 have been working on writing their own poetry on the theme of Lockdown. I have selected a few to share with you at the end of this letter.

Hopefully you will all have received my letter sent out on Tuesday of this week regarding the possibility of some children returning to school in June **if it is safe** to do so. I ask in the letter for parents of children in Foundation Stage, year 1 and year 6 to complete the google form which can be found towards the end of the letter, the form can also be accessed by copying the following into your browser:

<https://forms.gle/RVhD8baa4dNPs7bF8>

Please make sure you have completed the form by Friday 22nd May, this will give us time to put our plans into action. Please remember that making the decision for your child to return to school is your choice based upon your own circumstances, there will be no pressure from school for your child to return and parents will not be penalised for continuing to home educate. For children who are not in these year groups and for those children whose parents have decided to keep them at home we will continue to provide home learning tasks through Google Classroom and the WhatsApp page for children in Wren class.

The school will be closed next week for the half term break. This will give teachers time to prepare their classrooms and have some time to rest. We will not be setting work for children in Google Classroom over half term and we will be turning off any commenting in the Stream. This will allow teachers a proper break from work including the many Google Classroom notifications that come in throughout the day!

We will be providing food boxes for children receiving Free School meals during the half-term week and these will be available on Tuesday 26th May as Monday is a bank holiday. If your work circumstances have changed over the past few weeks your child may be eligible for the Pupil premium grant which includes Free school meals. It is easy for us to check eligibility just email the school office with your full name, date of birth and national insurance number.

We know that during this period of lockdown we are all using social media more to stay in touch with friend and families. Our children are also making increasingly more use of social media. Thames Valley Police have launched a media campaign which highlights some of the safeguarding issues that this increased use can bring. Thames Valley Police are asking us to share with parents the website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> this contains links to advice for children at different age groups and parents/carers.

As always, thank you for your continued support and for the amazing work you are doing in supporting your children's learning at home.

Best wishes

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Headteacher

Lockdown Poetry

Hiaku By Sam

Favourite game

Monopoly deal,
The best game at the moment,
I have won the most.

People at home

Linda, Phil, Kim Horgan
The people that live with me
Get wound up by me!

Friends and family

Hallelujah ZOOM
We couldn't live without it
It lives on WiFi.

Home school

Home-schooling=boring
School at school=yah its alright
I wonder Marlborough.

Feeling

Bad sad happy mad
Funny and hilarious
Good hungry tired FOOD!

Exersize

Went on a cycle
Went on a run NEED A DRINK!
And stepped in the shed.

What I miss

School school school school school
School school school school school school school school
school school school school friends.

What I need

Food Food Food Food Food
Food Food Food Food Food Food Food Food
Food Food Food Food Food !



There's a bug we don't wanna catch
Cause we don't know how we'll react
Could be a fever, cough or cold
Could be worse if you are old
Stay at home, wash your hands
Vanish this bug from our lands
Being at home ent so bad, more time spent with mum and dad.
Playing, baking, long walks and making
Then there's bike rides in the sun, it's OK to have some fun
Staying home helps the NHS,
We thank them cause their the best!!!! 🌈

Locked Away

By Pauline

Friends,
School,
All missing.

Dying or living,
We're not deciding.

Biking,
Cooking,
Playing,
Reading,
It's not working.

Pressure's in the air,
Nothing stopping it,
As we all stay,
Locked away.

Poem by Sophia

Sats are cancelled, school is closed
Lockdown has just been imposed
I want to go and see my friend
But the rules, they cannot bend
Sat at home, it's never ending
That I am not recommending
Go have fun and play outdoors,
Don't forget to do your chores
Go outside but keep your distance
Offer neighbours your assistance
From a distance!