

# Atherton St George's C.E. Primary School & Little Dragons' Nursery



Newsletter, 13<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

Again, thank you to all of you for your support in the difficult decision we made to close earlier in the week. The school has been fully deep cleaned and crews worked overnight for 36 hours in order to ensure school was open again on Monday. Your concerns for the staff member have been passed on and gratefully received. Your responses have been humbling and very much appreciated by all. We are happy that you all feel we have put the safety and needs of your children first and foremost.

I wanted to reassure you of our preparations in school during the current coronavirus pandemic. As a MAT, we have completed a risk assessment to deal with an outbreak in our school communities. Staff have also shared a video on effective hand washing with pupils and are giving constant reminders to pupils to wash their hands. The current advice from the government in the 'delay phase' is for **'anyone with a "new, continuous" cough or high temperature to self-isolate for seven days'**. Staff are already working on producing work packs for pupils and staff if schools are required to close for an extended period.

What an amazing week we have had in school this week. Science week has taken place across the school and the children have been using scientific enquiry when carrying out investigations this week. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March we are holding 'Odd Sock Day' to raise awareness for Down Syndrome. Unfortunately, we missed our 'Wear Your Wellies to School Day' but we do have 'New Life Day' on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March which will provide your children with the opportunity to do some planting outdoors if they bring a plant/shrub into school with them ...and if needed their wellies!

We are also holding our PTFA Mother's Day Sale on 20<sup>th</sup> March, details are on a separate letter on the school Facebook page.

## SNIPPETS:

**Adventurers** - Science week in Little Dragons. Making volcanos is always a favourite! We have been using scientific language and the children have come up with some fantastic hypothesis' of their own.

**Discoverers** - Discoverers have been working hard on their phonics this week. They have been using their listening skills in a range of different activities, the favourite has been recognising musical instrument from sounds alone.

**Explorers** - In Explorers this week our book of the week is The Very Hungry Caterpillar. The children have been observing our caterpillars and have been watching them grow with interest. The children have helped to name the caterpillars.

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They have been busy planting sunflower seeds and will be taking them home to look after them and watch how big they grow.

**Reception** – Reception have been very excited to receive some caterpillars in the post. They have been looking at them very carefully and creating our own representations of them.

**Year 1** – Y1 have planted some beans this week to watch the growing process as part of science week. We have also put some flowers into dye and water and are carefully watching as the dye moves into different parts of the plant.

**Year 2** - Y2 have been designing their posters for the British Science Week competition. This year the theme is 'Our Diverse Planet'

**Year 3/4** - As a part of Science week, we have been lucky enough to have Miss Battersby (a dental nurse) in to discuss teeth. The children had lots of interesting questions!

**Year 5/6** – Y5/6 have been reading 'Wonder' and using inference to understand how August was feeling on his first day. They have also been taking part in Science Week, including creating their own poster on this year's theme: Our Diverse Planet.

Ensure you follow the school Facebook page to photographs of activities that the children have taken part in this week.

Any questions or queries please do come in and see us, as you know we don't respond via the Facebook page. Teachers are available at the end of the school day or you can easily make an appointment should they be running a club.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Boardman

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