



Woodland Grange Primary

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It continues to be a very strange time at school. Whilst we have remained open for Key Worker pupils throughout the pandemic, school has felt very quiet and the usual fun and excited atmosphere of the Summer term has been different.

We would like to thank all staff for their continued hard work at school. Whether they've been supporting pupils in school or setting up online learning, their positive attitude has been amazing. We also hope that pupils have enjoyed speaking to their teachers on the phone. We felt that it was important for teachers to check in with their class. We are doing everything we can to keep things as 'normal' as we can.

Parents will no doubt be aware of the upcoming, proposed changes for the reopening of schools. We would like to thank parents that have completed the online surveys, it will help us plan for a possible return. Our job is to balance the government's expectations with the safety requirements of pupils and staff, which is a challenge.

Whether you choose to send your child back to school is your decision and we hope that you and your family remain safe and well in the meantime.

Learn Sites, Tapestry & Remote Learning

We are becoming used to the 'new normal' of online learning. We do not want parents or children to feel anxious about having to complete mountains of work but we do want to provide a planned structure to the school days during lock down.

After June 1st, staff will continue to upload daily tasks to our Year group Learn sites and communicate via Tapestry for those pupils who do not return to school. Unfortunately (due to a variety of reasons) we are not able to print off any work at school and would remind children that any learning at home (especially reading!) is a good thing.

Oadby Food Bank

The Oadby Food Bank is continuing to do an important job supporting many people in our community during the coronavirus pandemic. They are open between **2pm** and **4pm** on **Wednesday afternoons** to receive donations. The entrance is from the car park behind M&S next to Zeph's café.

Tinned products, dried pasta and rice, UHT milk, jam and cereals will all be gratefully received.
Thank you.



Dear Parents

Following discussion with the other schools within Oak Trust, the Trustees and the Trust CEO, we have decided that we will open more widely on June 8th **NOT** June 1st 2020. The Government have already, clearly, signalled their intention for schools to open and have left it in the hands of Local Authorities, Academy Trusts and individual schools to decide exactly when and on what basis.

To reiterate, school will only be open to the children of keyworkers next week and NOT more widely to children in pre-school, the Foundation Stage, Year 1 and Year 6. We expect school to be re-open to these year groups from Monday 8th of June.

It strikes us that the Government advice on the issue has not been as clear, or as consistent, as it could have been, and that increasingly the debate has morphed around the issue of personalities in government and perceived risk, rather than the measures we have in place. Placing politics to one side, this decision to open has been based solely on the following:

- Safety is our number 1 consideration
- Transparency in our planning and decisions
- Doing what's right for our communities

This has not been an easy decision to make and I know everyone has a different view as to what is the right or best thing to do but the extra week gives us further time to: consider our risk assessments; work to further mitigate the identified risks; prepare staff for the new ways in which we will be working and; hopefully see a further decline in the death rate and the introduction of the Governments 'Test, Track and Trace' programme.

We will continue to be open to the children of keyworkers but I still urge you to care for your children at home, if at all possible, at this time.

I will write to you again should there be any changes to this plan.

Kind regards and keep safe

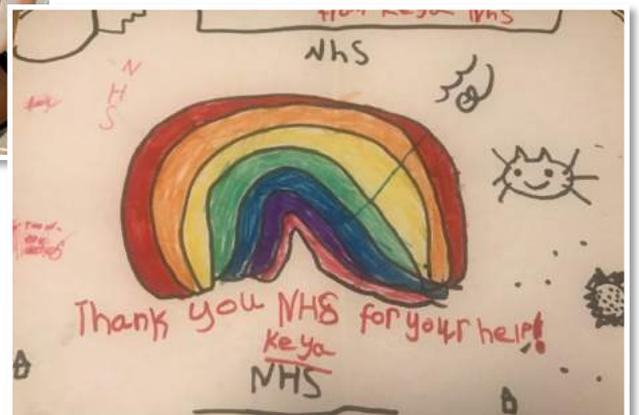
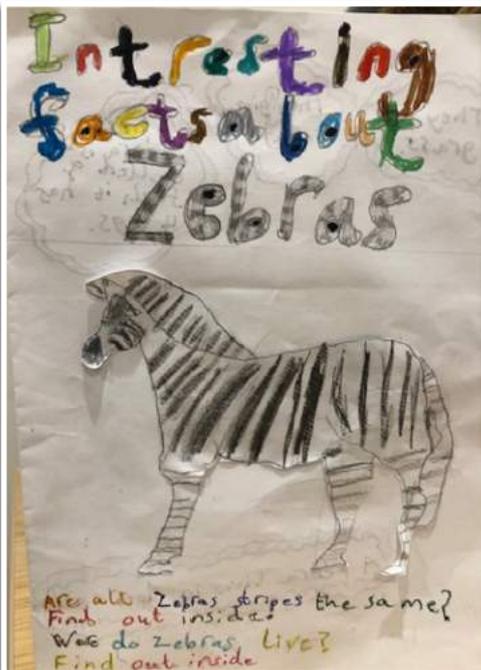
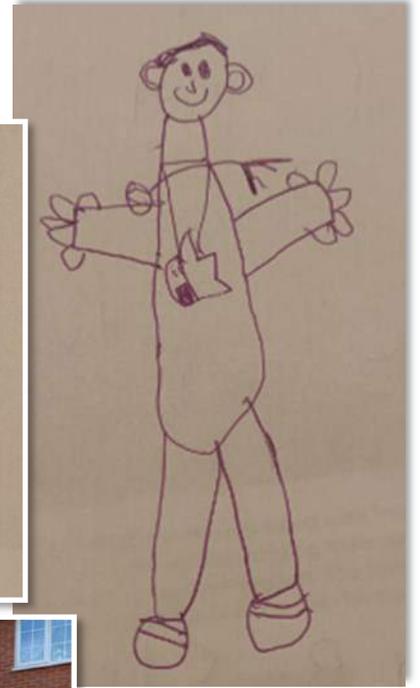
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We asked you to send in pictures of your Key Worker Heroes and all the exciting things you've been up to since the Lock Down. Thank you for all your messages, here is a selection. You can still send your messages into school. Email office@woodlandgrange.leics.sch.uk using 'Keeping in Touch' in the subject bar.



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