

High Academic Standards: Sporting Opportunities: Caring Relationships: Musical Excellence: Christian Values

Dear Parents and Carers,

The return of Year R and 1 children, with Y6 coming in from Thursday, has been wonderful but it has made us even more aware of how much we miss everyone else. We really miss the normality of school life and wish we could have all the children back. Following the government announcement last week, we have tried to find a way to get other year groups in school. I regret this is not possible at this time because all the rooms are being used for the existing provision. The guidance is "There is no expectation on primary schools to welcome back additional children where they do not have the capacity to do so." Schools can only consider bringing more pupils back if they can adhere to current safety measures and stick to the group size limit of 15 pupils. We would love to be able to welcome more pupils back into our school, but we have to be confident that it is both safe and logistically possible to do so. Please do let your child know we are thinking of them, and you, all of our parents, at this incredibly difficult time. You may be aware that the guidance to schools,

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preparing-for-the-wider-opening-of-schools-from-1-june/planning-guide-for-primary-schools>

updated on 4th June states the following in relation to Home Schooling:

'12. Remote education during wider opening. Many schools will have been able to offer high-quality remote education opportunities or programmes over recent weeks. Now that primary schools will be opening more widely, larger numbers of staff will be needed to provide face-to-face teaching at school. This means that it may be more difficult to maintain the same level of remote education provision for pupils in the year groups who are not eligible to attend, or for those pupils in year groups who are eligible to attend but who themselves cannot. In these circumstances consider how Oak National Academy or other remote education platforms can provide additional support for learning, as well as how learning delivered in school, if manageable, could be made available to pupils learning remotely.'

Whilst other schools are prioritising pupils in school as suggested and directing their parents to the Oak National Academy materials, our aim is to continue to offer a consistent timetable of work that is structured for all children in our school.

Bubble Applications

Please note, bubble requests will now take 5 working days to confirm. You must wait until you receive an email confirmation of a place before bringing your child to school. Where children do not attend on a regular basis, key worker bubble applications must be renewed each week, at least 5 working days before attendance. This is due to increasing numbers of applications meaning the bubbles are now nearly full. If you have confirmed continuous provision is required for the key worker bubble you do not need to renew.

Social distancing

Please ensure you are following social distancing guidance in and out of school. Any children not following this guidance out of school will not be able to access provision for 14 days.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing/staying-alert-and-safe-social-distancing>

Craft Room

A few parents have asked if we can provide videos of staff for the children who have not been in school since March. We now have a few videos in our craft room on the VLE, we hope to add to these.

Hope Photos

Thank you for your photos for our Book of Hope. We have put them all in a gallery on the mobile app. The book has now been printed and looks wonderful, a great record of the wonderful attitude of hope demonstrated by the school community.

Summer Holidays

The government has announced that they are organising for “a huge amount of catch up for pupils over the summer”. We have had no information in regard to what the expectation will be on us as a school. At this point in time we are working on the basis that the summer holidays will begin for all pupils on Friday 24th July. We won't be open over the summer, I realise this will be difficult for our key worker families. We have spoken to ACE sports (who ran our Easter and Half term provision). They are hopeful to provide a summer club, it won't be Wood's but should be nearby. We will publish details in our newsletter as soon as we receive them.

What to wear and bring

Please do not send any bags including book bags into school. Children should wear uniform and trainers, bring 2 healthy snacks (for morning and afternoon), small pack of tissues and named water bottle.

Kind regards

Mr Hopwell

Transition

This half term we would usually be looking at transition arrangements for all classes. The secondary schools have been able to offer some form of transition for our current Year 6. An important part of the Year 6 transition would be their end of year events. On Tuesday 21st July 10am we plan to share our Summer show with all the children and parents, whether they are in school or at home. It will be a talent show, Y6 please ensure you've sent your video in so we can edit the video ready. On Friday 24th July at 2pm we will have our leavers service, a video of memories by the children, a prayer from Annie and a song for all children and parents to watch at school or at home. Children's dictionaries and bibles will be posted directly to their homes.

Our teachers are preparing hello videos, letters and activities for their new classes in current Years R to 5. We will confirm which teachers will be teaching each class in the week commencing 6th July. We have had to delay our usual transition events for our new EYFS until September. We are planning to provide a gradual start for this year group, part time to begin with. There will be videos for the new children to watch about life at school and information about the curriculum, uniform etc for parents. It is difficult to provide more detail at this stage because we are waiting for further guidance from the government. We will let you know as soon as we have the updated guidance.

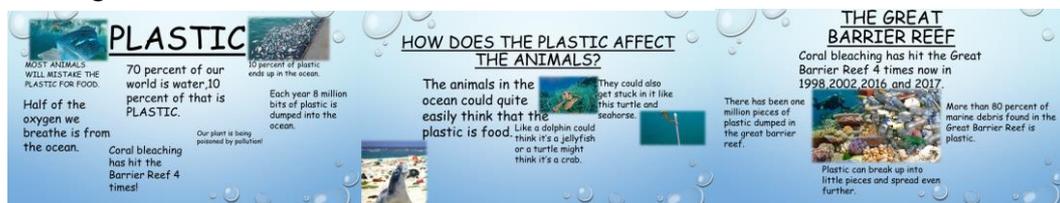
Stars of the Week

Finlay F (Y5) Each week we receive an email letting us know how hard Finlay is working at home. He tackles his Maths work with independence and works on his English and topic work with dedication and commitment. He has produced some spectacular descriptive writing this week and a very informative poster about protecting the oceans. He is reading each day and being helpful at home. We are very proud to hear that Finlay is doing so well.

Isla (Y5) she consistently tries her best to complete her home learning to the best of her ability and this week I have been especially proud of the incredible effort and work she has put into creating an incredibly informative and detailed power point presentation about the impact of plastic on animals and the oceans. She has amazing computing skills! Well done Isla.

Max – Class R: Each week, Mr Asplin receives updates about how he is doing at home and Mr Asplin is always pleased to see how hard he has worked on all activities. It's especially fun to see photos of all his great work and to see him smiling. Well done Max – keep it up.

Noah – Class R: Noah's Mum has let Mr Asplin know how thrilled she is with the effort Noah is putting into his reading. This is great to know Noah and also makes Mr Asplin proud of the effort you are putting into your learning.



Assembly: Togetherness <https://youtu.be/TTOXvPERY8w>

This week's assembly is all about Togetherness and supporting each other. We have a speaker from the Holocaust Education Trust, Vera Schaufeld, who came to the UK as a child refugee on the Kindertransport. The issues and subject matter are sensitive, and this assembly has been designed for older pupils.

A message from Annie, our family worker

Prayers surround you all for this new week. I have attached the new trail which I have set up in the Churchyard. It is about parables. If there are any prayer requests please let me know (please email admin@).

Take care speak soon

God Bless



PE at Home

The latest edition of Gedling Schools' PE@Home Resource and the seventh instalment of Notts School Games #stayinworkout #stayhomestayactive weekly programme of activities are available on the school website in Useful Links – PE.

Support during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak

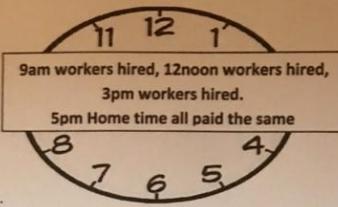
Targeted support is available from NHS mental health trusts who have established a [24/7 crisis helpline](#).

Guess the Parable - These are stories that Jesus told

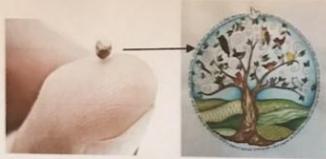
Have fun guessing and see if you can find them in the Bible. Good Luck Enjoy 😊



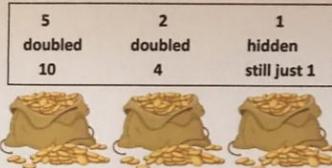
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Answers

1. The Lost Sheep - Matthew 18 verses 10-14
2. Labourers in the Vineyard - Matthew 20 verses 1-16
3. The Mustard Seed - Matthew 13 verses 31-32
4. Ten Talents or Gold Coins - Matthew 25 verses 14-30
5. The Sower - Matthew 13 verses 1-23
6. The Prodigal Son - Luke 15 verses 11-32
7. The Good Samaritan - Luke 10 verses 29-37
8. The wise and foolish man - Luke 6 verses 46-49
9. The Lost coin - Luke 15 verses 8-10
10. The Weeds among the Wheat - Matthew 13 verses 24-30