

Newsletter No 13: Term 5

May 2020

Dear Parent / Carers,

I expect we are all awaiting the next Government announcement to find out the next steps for our country! Here is our school's latest update.

Our Key Worker and Vulnerable Children's Child Care provision has grown over the last few weeks and we are needing to use more staff and space to accommodate this. For all Key Workers and families with DFE identified vulnerable children who have applied for places, you will receive further information via email as to what this will look like for your children during Term 6. This will arrive with you early next week so please look out for it.

I can now share in broad terms what our first planned phase of wider opening **could** look like if the current guidance from the Government stays in place. After assessing our capacity regarding staffing and space available (after taking out the care needed for our Key Worker and Vulnerable Groups), we think we will be able to open to the Reception Cohort. We will of course be continually reviewing this position in the light of any new Government guidance that is released. If the Government directs schools to reopen on May 28th then we will write to you all outlining what this provision for the Reception cohort will look like and how this will be managed on Monday June 1st. Please note that only the Key Worker and Vulnerable Children Group will be back in school on June 1st 2020.

For now, next week is May Half Term and the school will be closed. Remote learning will therefore take a break for this week and will be back in force on Monday June 1st. Have a good beak – let's hope the sun shines and we can all enjoy a bit of outside time!

Collective Worship

It was great to meet with so many of you for our last Collective worship with Rev Lizzie. We had lots of fun saying hello in different languages as we thought about how the first church started and how they served their communities. I even got to enjoy a bit of birthday cake!

We will restart our Collective Worship times again on Monday 1st of June focussing on our new Value of the Term : Courage.

Seems an apt value to be looking at right now! Please join us at 10am on June 1st on Zoom.

Huge Thankyou to our lovely Fishponds Community!!

Over the course of this last week we have received so many generous donations from members of the local churches, families from our school and members of the Fishponds' community. It feels amazing to know there is so much love out there for our school and its families.

(see pictures below!)

I must also say thank you to Rev Lizzie who has rallied the volunteers and organised our volunteer drivers. Also a huge thankyou to Michelle Cahill for organising the packaging up of the parcels and communication with our families. As a result of the donations we have been able to supply food parcels to over 35 families. There was even some left over and we were able to donate this to the Local Foodbank.



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Value of the Term : Courage

Questions of the Week

Week 1: How would you describe courage?

We will be endeavouring to run a weekly collective worship session as a whole school community each Monday over Zoom at 10am. These will focus on the question of the week. Come and join us! Follow the details of how to log on under Collective Worship section of the newsletter.

And there's more Food here!!



**Need Help? Struggling financially or lacking food?
Need someone to talk to?**

**Please don't suffer in silence – we are here to support you!
Give us a ring.**

Give us a call at school (Mrs Coker or Miss Goodman will be there to help) or phone Mrs Cahill direct on the school mobile 07595615388

A letter from our Chair of Governors



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you have all kept well?

The governors have been working in partnership with the school and our Trust since mid March when we moved to very different ways of working. The school has remained open. Children of key workers and other specified groups have been able to attend. For others on line learning has been managed so well by class teachers. All the staff have done their utmost to make sure all children have access. Learning packs and books have been delivered as needed. I was pleased to read in the Newsletter that your feedback has been acted upon.

We are now preparing to expand provision and welcome more children back, according to the directives from the government and our Trust.

You will be kept fully informed of the plans as soon as they are prepared and checked. When the arrangements are published do make sure you ask if you need clarification especially in relation to your particular family circumstances.

Thank you for your support and your role in making sure that your children are taking part in, and enjoying, the home learning.

Staff look forward to welcoming more children back into school when plans are agreed. Safety being uppermost in the plans. The online provision will continue for year groups not yet able to return.

We look forward to the time when all the Fishponds family can be together again.

Take care and keep well everybody.

Trish Dodds

Chair of the Local Board