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# Coombe Road Chat

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## REMOTE LEARNING:

Thank you once again for embracing this new way of working. I know it must be incredibly difficult, especially for those of you who are also working from home. I have created a further guide (G Classroom Basics) which will hopefully support those of you still having a few issues. I will send this via Ping after this Newsletter has been sent.

Many thanks also to those of you who completed our survey. We always appreciate constructive feedback and we are pleased to know that we're getting most of it right.

You appreciate:

- Our phone calls and emails.
- Pre-recorded lessons (rather than live) which enable you to set your own timetable.
- Support with technology (many thanks to one of our wonderful parents who has donated two laptops and headphones! ☆)
- Feedback from teachers (which makes our children smile!)
- Golden Assemblies from Headteacher (tune in to see Mrs Burcombe and Boomer this week!).
- Facebook Page.
- Communication overall.
- Knowing you can call us for support, and feeling confident to do this.

We were particularly pleased (and relieved) to hear your comments on how each and every one of you know that we are thinking of you and know that you can come to us for support. I cannot reiterate this message enough – please do know we are here for you and call us if you need to 01273 291188.

I also want to thank you all for your recognition of how hard we are all working. The media often reports unfairly about our profession, so it really does give us a boost that you (the people who really matter) recognise how hard we are all working and how much we care about you all. We miss you all so very much and have had to adapt very quickly to a situation which is very new and challenging – so thank you for your positive comments. They really do help us to keep soldiering on. We will, as always, keep striving to improve even further.

Suggestions for improvement included:

- Improved audio for one of our classes –  
We now have better audio thanks to a helpful parent who let us borrow a microphone (thank you! ☆)
- A way for the children to interact, rather than just on the 'chat' –  
We now have Google Meets planned each week.



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- Activities to take our children away from the screen (particularly in the juniors) – We will be introducing 'Why Don't You? Wednesday' after half term (see below for further detail).
- More modelling from the teacher in the infants (particularly writing) – Hopefully you've seen some of this has already been put in place.
- Tasks particularly for SEND children – Mrs Burcombe will be in touch with these particular families.

Please also visit our school website (home learning) for other fun activities and online games/learning.

The 'Google Meets' have been mainly successful and I am sorry to those of you who had issues getting in. Hopefully, the G Classroom Basics Guide will help for future meetings.

## WHY DON'T YOU? WEDNESDAY:

After half term, we will be launching 'Why Don't You? Wednesday'. This will be a day where our children can be off screens and instead learning through other means. All our teachers lead in a subject area and will give our children activities for particular areas. Our children can decide to do some or all of the activities each Wednesday.

The first week back after half term is planned for 'One World Week' where the classes learn about a particular country and then share their knowledge with others.

'Why Don't You? Wednesday' will start the week after this and we hope that our children will enjoy this 'break' away from the screen. We also hope it will support you as a family with wellbeing and reducing anxiety and stress.

For those of you of a certain age, you may remember 'Why Don't You?' from your childhood ( ♪ just switch off your television set - and go out - and do something less boring instead ♪ ) which was our inspiration for the name. Our younger teachers are baffled...

## LATERAL FLOW DEVICE TESTING (LFD):

Staff in school are now using these tests twice weekly as part of our Risk Assessment.

Any positive LFD result is confirmed by a PCR test (as written in my most recent letter).

At Coombe Road Primary, we will notify you of any positive cases of staff using a LFD test within your child's Bubble, and will close the Bubble for 10 days after contact with the positive person (or longer if it is decided that this is in the best interests of our school community for health and safety purposes).



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If the PCR test is negative, we will re-open the Bubble.

## RECENT POSITIVE CASES:

The recent positive cases we have been notified of within our school are all connected and include children (one of whom has shown no symptoms at all). This demonstrates just how contagious the virus is and so we again ask that you please, please follow guidance to keep our school community as safe as possible.

Please continue to follow guidance.

- Wash your hands regularly and for at least 20 seconds.
- Wear a face covering in indoor settings where social distancing may be difficult, and where you will come into contact with people you do not normally meet.
- Stay 2 metres apart from people you do not live with where possible, or 1 metre with extra precautions in place (such as wearing face coverings).



Further information can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-lockdown-stay-at-home>

## VALENTINE'S CARDS FOR OUR FABULOUS NHS:

Our children made Valentine's cards to thank our NHS and let them know how much we love and appreciate them! I received an email of thanks which you can view on our Coombe Road & Community Facebook page. We have no doubt these cards will put a big smile on the brave faces of our medical staff working tirelessly to keep us safe and well.





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## GOLDEN PUPILS:

Golden Pupils are announced each week on Google Classroom (where you will also find their certificates). Well done to the children who have achieved this award!

GOLDEN PUPILS		
	29/01 Minnie, Lola, Nyla, Dimitrios, Harry T & Mum, Billy, Summer	
	05/02 Arlo, Poppy, Harry T, Angel, Ruru, Frankki, Shay	

## HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND

