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Dear Parents / Carers

Normally at this point we would be telling you that we are closing school for the Easter break but as you are aware there is nothing normal at the moment. Another week has passed and we hope that everybody has stayed safe within their homes.

We are missing the general chit chat with the children that we are so used to and their usual antics around school. Therefore, we have been considering how we can keep the conversations going with the children and yourselves. As a result, we have started to make phone calls to say happy birthday to children whose birthdays fall during this difficult time just to say we are thinking of them. We would normally be wishing them happy birthday in school and they would be celebrating it with their friends but not at the moment. We have enjoyed talking to some of you over the phone and we hope to continue that in the coming weeks.

We have set a few activities for the children to do over the next two weeks, many of these are based around the family doing things together. However, teachers will be setting more structured work that parents can do with the children from 20 April onwards. In the meantime, we hope you have fun with the activities that you can do as a family.



Singing and dancing always gives children a boost so we suggest a daily family singalong with each member of the family choosing different songs and then the rest of you joining in with their choice. We would normally do this in classes with the class teacher however as we know parents now have that role, so it's your turn to sing along with your children.

Along with the singing we think it would be really good fun if when the weather is nice that you have a mini disco in your garden to enjoy dancing which would also contribute towards your daily exercise. You can of course do this indoors. Therefore, your children can burn off a bit of energy whilst dancing and this would give them an extra form of exercise complementing their daily recommended dose by the government. We hope you are all

having fun exercising with Joe Wicks each morning. We understand he is a firm favourite with some mums!!

Launde children as you know are very creative and love to perform. This would be an ideal opportunity to put dancing and singing together and produce some mini shows for you to enjoy and possibly share with grandparents by sending them video links.



Acts of kindness are always welcome at any time, within school we actively encourage those and try to acknowledge them when they happen through our achievement assembly and class times. It would be great if the children could carry on doing those acts of kindness within their homes and helping you on a daily basis.

Children could set a goal of making sure that they carry out at least one act of kindness a day, preferably more. These could be recorded on a chart that could be displayed and shared between the family. We have listed a few ideas below to help you along the way

- write or draw what kindness means to them
- check in on neighbours in a safe way – perhaps, put a note through their door
- call or write to a relative
- draw a rainbow and put it in your window to show hope
- write down three things they are grateful for
- do something helpful for a friend or family member – help lay the table or could they keep their bedroom tidy?
- stay at home - by following this advice you are being kind to others in the community and helping to save lives.

I am sure you can add to these ideas so the children understand that they are contributing to everybody's well-being and developing their own personal characteristics whilst undertaking the acts of kindness.

We are very fortunate that the weather is getting warmer and it is an ideal time to get children out into the garden, either planting their own flowers or helping you in tidying. As we have all been forced to slow down, it is an ideal time for children to appreciate the world around them. Encourage the children to look at the flowers growing in the garden, they could start to draw or paint pictures of the plants and flowers that they can see. This is an perfect way to keep the art curriculum going but also a great opportunity for children to develop new hobbies that are calming but allows the creatives juices to flow.

The children who have had to attend school have been making biscuits and cakes and we hope you will continue to do so with your own children at home, not only to occupy them but also to teach them life skills. Recipes will be sent to you each week which require the minimal of ingredients.

This week you will also receive a letter from the teachers in your child's year group along with this letter with activities for the next two weeks. From next term onwards the teachers will be sending their weekly newsletter through the onedrive for each year group. This will give you further details of the work and other information that you will require to support your child. The letter and activities will be on the onedrive each Monday morning. Should

there be any problems you will be able to directly email the year group teachers who will answer any queries or concerns on a daily basis up to 3pm.

At this difficult time families have been separated from their friends and wider family support networks. We would recommend that children stay in touch with their friends through visual means such as skype or facetime but always with the parents present. It is always good to talk to stop the feeling of being alone and keep up to date with what everyone is doing.

We hope you all enjoy the activities and we will be in touch after the Easter break.

Remember to stay safe.



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