



BOROUGH GREEN

Primary School

Dear Parents,

An Easter newsletter written in the most challenging of times however, in the midst of this all, so many wonderful things are happening, so many kind thoughts, kind deeds and a coming together of a nation, a village, a school, a family!

Despite home learning for almost all our children the enthusiasm, ingenuity and patience of you as parents as you try to get on with daily chores, work and educating your children is commendable. We have had so many wonderful messages about what you have all been up to despite the limitations on our movement. We have some lovely examples on our website of what our children both in and out of school have been doing and much thanks goes to our ingenious staff who have cleverly designed activities which hopefully most have been able to access.

All year groups have been using Times Tables Rockstars and MyMaths amongst other online programmes to keep the mathematical brains moving and our Early Years and Year 1/2 have been undertaking lots of Easter activities alongside phonics and reading. Y3/4 have now completed their Mary Poppins work and have thoroughly enjoyed exploring this text with its rich vocabulary and beautiful story telling.

Y 5/6 have been studying Alfred Noye's poem, "The Highwayman", a tragic story about doomed love. They have also taken the fabulous picture book Iggy Peck, Architect (by Andrea Beaty) and works by Gaudi and Paul Klee as inspiration for their art based experience this term.

Physical activity has been high on the agenda for many, with squat thrusts, on the spot sprints and stretching of muscles you didn't know existed happening in front rooms across Borough Green and further afield as children actively encourage their parents to join in with the daily workouts! Apologies parents, I hope you will forgive us!

With the lock down we have not been able to carry out our regular visits to Westbank Nursing Home but they have put together a short video on facebook saying thank you to the children for the lovely artwork they sent in.

Whilst many of you are working at home the school continues to be open for the key worker families that really need us. Our staff have been providing a wonderful experience for the changing group of children who arrive each day and this will continue throughout the Easter holidays with the school only closing on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Our support staff are also busy keeping everything running smoothly and ensuring everyone is well fed.

One staffing change which has quietly passed because of the situation is the resignation of Mrs Black after many years of teaching and Borough Green her two young boys have, quite rightly, 'won the day' and she has chosen to be a stay at home mum full time. Before the schools closed we interviewed candidates for the post and are pleased to announce that Mrs Bowers will be job-sharing with Miss Phillips when we return to normal opening. I am sure you will join me in wishing Mrs Black and her family all the best for the future but I am sure we will receive regular updates.

Mentioning attendance and punctuality at this time may seem an unusual thing to do but I wanted to say a huge thank you to all those who really took on board our message last term with many children improving their attendance record. You will all be pleased to know that during this outbreak everyone is recorded as 100% attendance!

All headteachers have been asked to reiterate the message of 'STAY HOME, PROTECT THE NHS, SAVE LIVES. I am sure many of you joined in the clap for the NHS last week and then one yesterday for all the other critical workers such as ourselves, very emotional so please, please take on board the advice making sure your youngsters are too and together we will beat this virus.

Finally, I just wanted to express just how much our staff are missing you all, the school is so quiet and although we are undertaking jobs that we normally have no time to complete it just isn't the same. I look forward to the day when I can stand out the front ready to greet you all, I think once this is over there will be plenty of hugs to be had.

Kind regards,

Mrs K Sandberg

Headteacher, Borough Green Primary