

School has been busy and, even though a little colder and wetter than previous weeks, we have still been able to enjoy some outdoor activities. Please can we remind you to ensure your child has the correct clothing in school for example a jumper and coat if cold and wet and sun cream and a sunhat if hot. It has been lovely to see children of all year groups playing together, cooking, watching movies and handling ducklings.

We have been evolving our **home learning** as lockdown is continuing. We have been listening to feedback and as a result we have made changes to our current model. The next home learning issued tomorrow, Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May will be individualised for each year group and will be based around the topic that the children would be learning if they were in school. We are also attaching some lovely VE Day activities that Mrs Barnes has put together for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Don't forget to access the following as well:

- Tapestry- show us what you have been learning at home and upload photographs of your weekly challenge (which is published on a Monday by the staff in your child's class).
- Bug Club- read books on line or have a book read to you.
- CBBC Bitesize- on line lessons for each year group.
- Stories from staff on our Facebook page (and keep uploading yours)!
- Celebration Assembly every Friday on Tapestry.

As a school we have made the decision not to send out weekly packs of worksheets for children as we feel that a more active approach to learning has a greater benefit for the children particularly at this time. We also need to consider the needs of all our children and their family situations. We try to ensure the home learning we send out reflects this, as well as providing effective learning experiences for the children.

If this is something you still feel you would like to access, as a school we recommend setting up an account with Twinkl (currently for free) and then download a year group specific pack.

We are pleased that parents are following the advice to keep children at home unless absolutely necessary and respecting the service that is being provided by staff for key workers. **Home is the safest place for your child**. For the children at school we are continuing with our good hygiene routine including regular washing of our hands for 20 seconds.

For those parents who are key workers or your situation changes and you become a key worker please call us to discuss childcare arrangements. If your child has an EHCP or a Social Worker and you would like some support please call us.

If you require childcare for the **bank holiday**, next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May please email us by tomorrow at 3pm on [keyworker@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk](mailto:keyworker@tweseldown.hants.sch.uk)

If we do reopen school before the end of the academic year we have made the decision not to go on any more school **trips**.

- Parents in year R we will transfer your money enabling you to be in credit for any year 1 trips.
- Year 2 parents will be refunded.
- For year 1 parents, you had managed to complete all of your trips and as such there are no funds to be carried forward.

The Governing Body are looking for a new co-opted **governor**. You do not need to be a parent of school for this role. If you know someone in the community, or you, yourself are interested please contact the school office for an application pack.

Thank you again to each and every Keyworker (including the amazing staff here at Tweseldown) for the vital services you are continuing to provide at this crucial time.

If you are planning on letting the children stay up for the NHS and Keyworker Clap tonight there is also a sing along for Captain Tom Moore's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday at 8.05pm. The attached video is a virtual performance of Happy Birthday and For He's a Jolly Good Fellow, with a special feature of the Wellesley March, the march of his old regiment, the Duke of Wellington's. You might like to share this with the children. What instruments can you see and name?

<https://youtu.be/sTvoORpbOpo>

A lovely piece of good news to share at this time, congratulations to Miss Vass who recently got engaged.

Keep safe everyone, keep up the social distancing and hand washing.

We are missing each and each and every child. Hopefully our Tweseldown family will be back together soon.



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