

Dear Parents,

These are strange times, for me as I am sure for many of you, school is my constant. I have taught for over 20 years and although I love the unpredictable nature of children and teaching; the structure of the days, the term dates and the holidays have been unchanging for my whole adult working life. For many parents I know that school is a point of contact, a social life and (I know it to be true) respite from your lovely children! We will be here for you over the coming weeks. We will be organising regular contact, we will be there to help with learning. Stay safe everyone.

## Keeping healthy and safe

Please remember this isn't an extended holiday. Social distancing is vital during this pandemic. The reason schools are closed is to limit social contact. This is going to be challenging for all but this would include; play dates, meeting in each other's houses, and meeting in large groups even outside.

Please use government guidelines and support when understanding how to socially isolate effectively. Only together can we combat this virus and go back to our regular lives.

## Corona Virus Update

I am aware that you have been somewhat bombarded by information this week. I am sure you appreciate that we have been trying to respond as quickly as possible to Government directives and we appreciate your patience and understanding over the last few days.

Please be assured that we will continue to provide relevant information to you once the school is closed and it is important that you monitor your school emails and also visit the website regularly.

## Home Learning

The children have their home learning packs. This will be sufficient for the first week but staff will be updating the class pages with extra learning and links to activities to help keep you and the children occupied.

## British Wildlife Centre

Our Year 1 and 2 children were still able to go on their trip on Thursday. Here is a report of the day written by our Year 2 children.

"What an amazing day yesterday at The British Wildlife Centre! We went on a coach and it was very bumpy. When we arrived we felt excited! We saw lots of animals. First we saw some adorable Muntjac deer and cheeky red squirrels. We had a keeper called Jess to tell us all about the animals. After our snack we went into the barn and we felt excited because we didn't know what we would see next. We saw otters and they were swimming and fighting over the food. The strangest thing about the otters was that they have three eyelids, the third one is see through so they can see under water! We also discovered that owls have three different colours of eyes, orange, yellow and black. In the barn we spotted some foxes and rats too. We even got the chance to meet Turbo the hedgehog! Finally we saw Albus Dumbledeer an impressive Stag with huge, white, spiky antlers. We certainly had lots of fun and learnt lots too!"



## Stanley's Blog

Note to self: tissues do not taste that great.