



Dear Parents,

Hello everyone. The beginning of a new week! Time is running at an odd pace at the moment. Sometimes I feel like I'm rushed off my feet and that schools have been closed for ever and then I remember that it's only been six weeks (although a long six weeks!). I am glad to hear that some of you have registered for the Sussex School Games.

Also really loving the self-portraits. Mrs Rolland is collecting them all in and trying to figure out how to digitally put them together.

As you can see below teachers are constantly researching and improving Home Learning and the latest updates from Mrs Winter are below.

Please look out for the special piece of writing that your teachers are going to ask you to do towards the end of this week. This is really going to help us to understand what your next steps are and what to plan as we move forwards. Just try your best as always.

### Whole School Art Project

Please see attached the instructions for our Whole School Art Project. We are so exciting about organising something that we can all do together—and it is going to look really amazing when complete and we can display it in the school to enjoy when we reopen. Thank you Mrs Rolland for all your organisation and Mrs Donnelly for your brilliant idea.



### Home Learning - check the Website

We have had a good look at BBC Bitesize <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/dailylessons> and would like to recommend aspects of it for you to use with your children.

**Maths:** You will find shortly that White Rose Maths will refer you to Bitesize for further learning each day so keep accessing White Rose from our planning as you normally do. Don't worry about messages regarding subscription only worksheets—we will upload those for you on the website.

**English:** The short interactive lessons and activities are really useful for keeping up with key skills. We have added in a reminder on our planning page to make this one of your child's choices for the day. They should still prioritise their spelling - especially Spelling Frame for KS2

**Topic:** Bitesize is producing lessons every day on many topics including science, history, geography, music and art. We recommend letting your child choose anything from within their Key Stage that interests them. It has a great variety of lessons which are bound to capture the imagination and provide really good learning opportunities. Remember any work that is created as a result of these lessons can be sent in to the class email.

#### Young Explorers

BBC Bitesize does not cater for Young Explorers but Mrs Calvert has investigated the new package on offer from Oak Academy and is very impressed with its activities and lessons for Reception age children. This is a free Government backed online learning package and can be found at <https://www.thenational.academy/online-classroom/reception#schedule>

#### Yoga

Is all the jumping around and Joe Wicks just too much some days? Miss Price has found this two week free trial of children's Yoga with cosmic kids <https://www.cosmickids.com/category/watch/>

### Are you eligible for Free School Meals?

Many of us are finding that our financial situation has changed during this time. You may be eligible for FSM. During this period, this means providing food for your child for lunch as if they were in school.

Check your eligibility

<https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/free-school-meals/free-school-meals-online-application-form/>

### Do you need short term help or support with food or finances?

We may be able to help or point you in the direction of some help.

Please contact us if you are in need. This would be strictly confidential.

### How do I contact the teachers and the school?

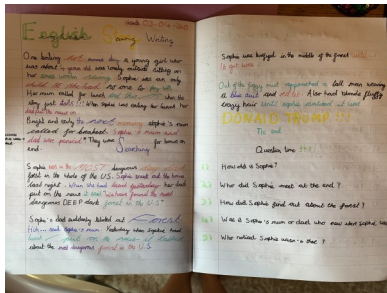
By telephone—01403 752207 the answering machine is checked every day.

By email—for the office [messages@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschool.com) this is checked throughout the day

**The school is open for children of key workers. Please contact [messages@loxwoodschool.com](mailto:messages@loxwoodschool.com)**

## Year 5

Check out some of the Home Learning—this can also be found on the Class Pages on our website

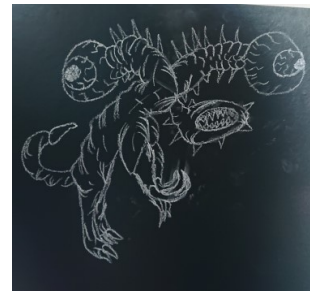


Mary keeping her reading organised

Gabriella busy writing stories



Lacy's delicious baking!



Dylan keeping his drawing skills in order!



Lucia and Eugenie saying thank you to the NHS



Sarah and her sisters building very tiny shelters!



Oliver's amazing Ancient Greek amphitheatre



## What are the staff up to?

### Mrs Pinder

Well that's another week done in these unusual times. I hope you are all managing to get through the days in the best way you can. I have loved receiving emails with photos showing all the fantastic learning you have been doing. It has been very reassuring to see all your smiling faces, they have made me smile too.

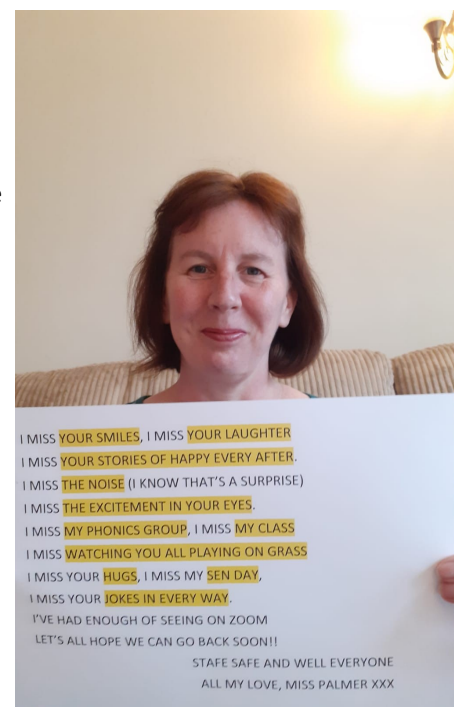
I have really enjoyed phoning up my class and even talking to some of the children! I love hearing about all the wonderful things you have done.

My family and I have also discovered the joys of home schooling! I have impressed myself with what I have managed to resurrect from my memory concerning algebra!

Looking on the positive side, my daughter is really enjoying cooking our dinners, which is definitely a bonus for me, not having to cook...and for my family too! Also, we are going on family walks most evenings, which we definitely didn't do before and it has really made us appreciate nature around us...the birdsong, the colour of the flowers.

### Miss Palmer

What do you miss?



## Stanley's blog

This week I was very helpful. Whilst mum was being videoed for the school website, I barked every now and then to let people know that I was there; I pulled on my lead to ensure that it was safe and secure and then I made sure that I was facing her when it came to my bit. Apparently I was supposed to face Mrs Tedd but I noticed the treats on the table so I thought I'd help myself. All sorted.

Also very excitingly, I got caught in my first hail storm. It's not very nice when they land on your nose but they taste good if you lick them up off the pavement (dogs only!). You also get very, very wet so unfortunately have to be towelled dry. I don't know how many times I've said I'm happy to roll around on the carpet. It's as good as a towel if not better.

