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Keeping In Touch Newsletter 5

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<u>Reopening</u>

It has been an extremely busy week here! I received the information around partial schools reopening alongside you, when it was announced on Sunday evening and have been working with staff and the Local Authority to create a plan which will work for our school. I will be sharing this with staff and Governors early next week and will forward the final arrangements to you as soon as possible.

Although there are very few children who have developed severe COVID symptoms, children still remain at risk of contracting the virus. At present there is not much evidence to suggest whether children do or do not act as carriers of the disease. The safety of my staff, their families and your families is paramount in my decision-making.

I do need to let you know that the School environment and day will be nothing like it was before. My plans will include strict routines to support social distancing, restrictions on activities and learning opportunities, restructuring of staff to accommodate small groups (bubbles) which will limit child friendship group interactions and the opportunities for play. There will be a need to alter and vary the start and end of the day for different 'bubbles' of pupils, each 'bubble' will have different break and lunch times etc. For our younger members of the school, I am aware that they will need lots more reassurance and emotional support at this time. Sadly, due to social distancing, such support will be severely restricted.

The priority within my job as the Headteacher of Beaupre School, is the safety of all adults and children. These measures go towards keeping your child safe, however, I cannot guarantee total social distancing or prevention of transmission of COVID19. The well-being of all is also paramount and we will, as a team, support your children with this new school routine to try to limit any emotional impact it may have on them.

I will be forwarding the arrangements for the partial reopening to EYFS, Yr 1 and Yr6 to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Munday

Share Your Learning With Us

We have loved receiving your wonderful photographs showing your home learning and would love to keep seeing them. If you are happy for photographs to be shared on newsletters and the school website, please send them to your class teacher's e-mail address:

Rainbow - rainbow@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Red - red@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Blue - blue@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Purple - purple@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Green - green@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Orange - orange@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Yellow - yellow@beaupre.cambs.sch.uk

Photos of the Week



In Rainbow Class, Delilah has been busy making a boat and adding up how many blows it took to go from one side of the bath to the other.



In Red Class, Peter has been busy planting tomato seeds for Red Class' 'In the Garden' topic.



In Blue Class, Ollie has been busy creating a comic strip about Ellie the elephant who got lost on her camping trip but was saved by Liam the lion.



In Purple Class, Ollie has been busy carrying out a science experiment about the properties of rocks



In Green Class, Hayley and her brother had an unexpected visitor come and visit them at their house.



In Orange Class, Chloe has been busy making a rocket when learning about space.



In Yellow Class, Emily and her sister have been busy planting some plants.

A Message for Rainbow Class

Hello all you Rainbows,

The weather has certainly turned this week and it has been very blustery, so I did some jobs inside. If the wind continues you could make one of Mrs Maryon's very famous kites!

You will be pleased to know that I have finished our class Tricky Troll. He is ready to start school and has his backpack on to put his tricky words in. I hope it won't be too long before you can meet him.



Thank you all for your beautiful photographs of your work, your activities and your faces. I get so excited when I receive an email from you. Mrs. Eaves

Hello everyone,

I'm really missing seeing you all. I hope you are all enjoying the sunny weather, shame about the last few days, but it will get better soon. I hear you have been very busy with all the work that has been sent to you. Mrs Maryon and I have been helping Mrs Eaves with some of the tasks and we have talked to each other using Zoom.

One of my relatives who live in Scotland had an eighth birthday party on Zoom and asked us to do a scavenger hunt. We had to get something from outside; I grabbed one of my chicken which made all the children laugh when they saw her on the screen. One of my dogs has been very hot so kept getting in the fish pond (very smelly), so I had to get him a paddling pool.

From Mrs Connell



A Message for Red Class

Hello Red Class,

I hope you are all well and continuing to enjoy time at home with your families. I miss you all lots and can't wait to see your beautiful, smiling faces when we are able to return to school. I especially miss the funny stories and jokes that you all come out with! Hopefully, you had a chance to celebrate VE day last Friday and enjoy the glorious sunshine! I did some baking at home and then spent some time soaking up the sun in the garden. I'm glad that lots of you are continuing with your home learning tasks and are finding the new format easier to use. I have received lots of lovely photos again from many of you this week (boys and girls!) so thank you for sending those to the Red Class email address. I have seen photos of you baking, gardening, building, making crafts, doing Maths and English and even a treasure hunt around the village!

I look forward to seeing more photos of fun activities and hearing about your home learning on the class email.

Take care and stay safe,

Miss Brand, Mrs Ward, Mrs Pepper

Hello Red Class,

I hope you are all keeping safe at home and enjoying working through your school activities!

What a busy few weeks I've had at home. It sounds like you guys have had a busy time at home too! It's been lovely to see your pictures and work that you've been sending in!

I hope you've all been helping your parents too. It's hard work having to keep the house clean and tidy, so I'd like to think you've been helping out doing extra jobs with your parents.

So Friday was a special day. It was VE Day. I'm sure you all had a great time celebrating with your families and neighbours. I did too. It was wonderful to see all of our lovely neighbours enjoying each other's company. My children and I even had a water balloon throwing competition. I think I lost though as I was the most wet!

We made a special VE Day wreath that day too, it was an idea from my daughter's school and we did this as part of her homework. It was a family effort and we all enjoyed making it. Even my son Matthew made some sparkly hand prints to add to the wreath. Take a look at the picture to see what you think.

I really do miss seeing you all and hearing the lovely things you always talk about with me. I miss the sound of your singing and rapping voices when we sing the story of the Three Bears! But I'm glad that you're all safe.



I will be able to enjoy all these lovely things again, that I've been missing, as long as you all do your very best to keep yourself and your families safe. I look forward to seeing you all again, as soon as it is safe to do so.

Bye guys! High 5 to everyone! Mrs Pepper

A Message for Blue Class

Hello Blue Class,

We hope you are all well and enjoying yourselves. Thank you to everyone who has sent in either pictures of what you have been up to or copies of the work you have completed. It's great to see them all. We are all really missing seeing all your smiling faces and we're especially missing hearing you all read to us!

This week we have chosen Ollie for our Work of the Week picture. He has been looking at our Africa topic and completing lots of work. We especially liked his comic strip story about Ellie the elephant who got lost on her camping trip but was saved by Liam the lion who had a map and helped her get home. Well done Ollie!

Take Care

Miss Carpenter, Miss Bagg, Mrs Raby, Mrs Shinn

Hi Blue Class,

I hope you're all well and enjoying your home learning. It's very different to being at school. I certainly miss the hustle and bustle in the corridors of you all, especially in the mornings and lunchtimes. I hope you are all keeping yourself busy with your families doing a little bit of exercise or maybe playing some games together. I have been on lots of long walks with Izzy our Boxer dog and my family, enjoying the sunshine. Last week, I became creative and made a bird feeder from a milk carton and decorated it to look like a house. I have also been finding new resources for Year 2 for when we all return back to school.

Miss you all so very much, especially the smiling faces and hugs. Please take care and see you all soon.



Mrs Shinn

A Message for Purple Class

Hi Purple Class,

I hope you are all well and are continuing to fill your time with a mixture of home learning and different things which you enjoy doing. I continue to miss you all very much. Thank you to those of you who continue to send through updates and photos of what you have been up to, these always make me smile.

This week, I finally finished my jigsaw puzzle, yay! When I spoke to Mrs Titmarsh on the phone this week, she told me that she has also finished a jigsaw puzzle. Here are our puzzles. Can you guess which puzzle belongs to who?







Mrs Titmarsh told me to pass on this photo of her dog from when she went on a walk this week. She also asked me to tell you all that she misses you all lots.

Take care of yourselves, Miss Knight and Mrs Titmarsh

A Message for Green Class

Hi Green Class,

Once again, we have been delighted to see some of the work that you have been producing. There has been some wonderful writing, some beautiful bar charts and amazing artwork. It's good to know that most of you have been making the most of the weather to get out and about on your bikes or to go for walks where you have been able to at least shout and wave at each other as you pass.

The VE day celebrations chose a lovely day so that everybody could enjoy the sun. I hope you all managed to find a way to join in the celebrations.

As a lot of you are working hard online at the moment, may I just ask you to remember what you have learnt about internet safety and remind you that you should not be logging in under any user ID other than your own, nor should you let any other people work under your user ID.

If you are lucky enough to have Disney+ there is a series of National Geographic documentaries about Ancient Egypt. The first one looks at King Tutankhamen and his surprisingly small tomb and starts to ask questions about his uncle. They look at his mummy, so you may want to check that your parents are happy for you to watch it first.

Incidentally, next Wednesday is due to be the hottest day of the week. Just after lunch, go outside and lie in the sun. Feel how warm it is. In Egypt that is how warm it is first thing in the morning... then it gets hotter. Imagine trying to build a pyramid in that heat. I will leave you with that thought.

Look after yourselves,

Mr Davies and Mrs Scott

A Message for Orange Class

Hello Orange Class!!

Guess who it is? Yes, you're right, it's Mrs Fey.

Over the last few weeks, I have painted my cloakroom and veg trug, jet washed the patio (yes I did get absolutely soaked!) and have done loads of gardening. I have many different varieties of vegetables growing - you know those green things you all love to eat!

We are missing you all so, so much. Missing the noise, smiles, even the grumps and groans! But most of all being with all of you in Orange Class and enjoying our fun, innovative learning with our Mrs Riley and Ms Armiger, hearing Mrs Riley say "Go on have a go" or Ms Armiger say " Come and get a sticker, because you've, yet again, been so amazing".

Really looking forward to being reunited with you all soon.

Oh! Here are some new Mrs Fey funny jokes (not!)

Viking Jokes (two of my best)

What are the only notes a Viking can sing?

High C's.

Why couldn't anyone play cards with the Viking sailor?

He was standing on the deck.

Stay Safe

Mrs Fey, Mrs Riley and Ms Armiger

A Message for Yellow Class

Dear Yellow Class

I hope that you continue to be well! I am sure that you are all working hard on your home learning and I have enjoyed sharing lots of your work via e-mail. Please continue to keep forwarding it and don't forget to keep sharing lots of photos that will make me smile.

I hope that you are enjoying your learning on Oliver Twist and are looking forward to writing your narrative next week. I can't wait to read them! If you do get a chance to watch the film, I think that you will enjoy it very much. Do you remember when we did a performance of Oliver Twist in Year 3?

This week would have been our SATs week. I hope that you will all spend Friday afternoon away from home learning and relax and eat cake (which is what we would have done if we were in school). You all worked so incredibly hard to prepare for your SATs and make impressive progress, so it is important that you celebrate your success!

I look forward to seeing you again soon and in the meantime, please stay safe.

Mrs Summers, Miss Bagg, Mrs Calver and Mrs Secker

Hi Yellow Class

I hope you are all keeping safe and making the most of your time at home. I am missing you all but I'm sure you're keeping busy with your home learning. I've seen some of the work and photos you have sent and it's all very impressive.

Some of you might know that in Rainbow Class they had some chick eggs in an incubator waiting to hatch. When we finished school, Mrs Connell persuaded me to take them home to look after. The chicks started hatching on the Sunday after school finished and we ended up with 7 little chicks over the next few days. It has been interesting to watch them develop and grow. They are getting big now and enjoy eating my grass, which doesn't please me, but I haven't got anywhere else to put them and they seem so happy there.

I am glad the weather has been warm and sunny so I can keep on top of the gardening (I only enjoy doing it in sunny weather). I have also done lots of baking which my family have enjoyed sampling. Every day I go for a long walk, today I walked to Wisbech which I haven't done before. On my walks round the village I've seen a few children from Beaupre walking or cycling with their family which is lovely to see.

I participate in weekly quizzes with my family via WhatsApp and meet with a group of special friends for a Zoom meeting every Tuesday evening where we have various challenges to do. This coming week we are having a Treasure Hunt which should be fun.

I look forward to seeing you all again soon and no doubt you'll have lots of exciting stories to tell me.

Take care and keep safe.

Mrs Calver

Calling All Animal Lovers!

Are you missing going to the zoo? If so, Edinburgh Zoo have live webcams for their panda, tiger, lion, koala and penguin enclosures. Take a look at: https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/webcams/penguin-cam/#penguincam. Maybe this could inspire you to make a model of your favourite animal or even make a zoo out of your teddies at home.

The RSPB website also has a lot of garden activities to help nature such as these instructions on making a bug hotel: <u>https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/give-nature-a-home-in-your-garden/garden-activities/build-a-bug-hotel/</u>



As a result of Coronavirus/ Covid19 everything has changed for children and families.

Parents / carers and children are feeling anxious at this very difficult and extraordinary time.

Also it is hard to think of ways to keep them entertained when we all have anxieties about the current situation.

This is a little guide with just some links to websites, activities, books including a book written by an Intensive Care unit nurse. There are downloads which may be useful for parents / carers, practitioners and children. Please can we ask parents / carers and practitioners check that the content is suitable for their children as there is a variety of information here. There is also some information for parents / carers and practitioners

Children



Here is a guide for children by the Children Commissioner to help children stay safe, answer some of their questions and make the best of being at home whilst helping them protect others –

www.childrenscommissioner.qov.uk/publication/childre ns-quide-to-coronavirus/

A selection of activities to do with children during this time when they are at home due to Coronavirus – Here are some suggested indoor activities and games for children –

www.nhs.uk/change4life/activities/indoor-activities

The Children Commissioner has written this which includes some activities for the children to try during lockdown

www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/coronavirus/resour ces/

Here is a link to a selection of reading materials and activities for children -

www.wizardingworld.com/collections/harry-potter-athome

Here is a selection of activities including reading and crafting to accessible sports and workouts for all levels of fitness to try at home –

vivacity.org/campaign/vivacity-at-home/

The Home Learning Hub is a free website which includes some of the best free home learning resources for 4-11 year olds -

safeguardingboardscomms@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

www.cambslearntogether.co.uk/home-

learning/hub?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdel ivery

Books -

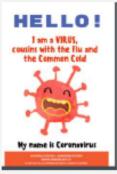
Here are a selection of books that are written about Coronavirus, to help children at this time. You can read them online by following the links or print them off and read them.



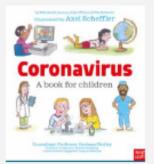
A Southampton intensive care nurse has written a book to reduce children's coronavirus anxiety- "Dave the dog is worried about coronavirus" – a Nurse Dotty book <u>nursedottybooks.files.wordpress.com/2020/03/dave-</u> the-dog-coronavirus-1-1.pdf



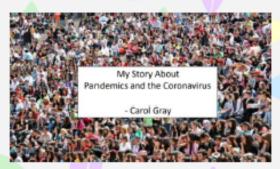
Here is another child friendly book to help children understand what the virus is and how it is spread interagencystandingcommittee.org/system/files/2020-04/My%20Hero%20is%20You%2C%20Storybook%20f or%20Children%20on%20COVID-19.pdf



Covibook is an interactive resource designed to reassure children aged 7 and under, designed to help children explain and draw the emotions that they might be experiencing during the outbreak. www.mindheart.co/descargables



This book about the Coronavirus has been illustrated by Gruffalo illustrator Alex Scheffler http://ow.lv/gbx850z8wP2



A story to help children understand about coronavirus and pandemics – <u>carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-</u> <u>content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-</u> <u>Coronavirus.pdf</u>

Autism and Disabilities

Here are some websites for supporting Autism and disabilities -

- www.autism.org.uk/about/behaviour/anxiety.aspx
- www.contact.oro.uk/advice-andsupport/coronavirus-information-for-families-withdisabled-children/

safeguardingboardscomms@cambridgeshire.gov.uk

Childline helpline -

childline

ChildLine A free helpline that you can call any time to talk about any worries you might have. Telephone: 0800 1111 They also have more advice here: www.childline.org.uk/info-advice/your-feelings/anxietystress-panic/worries-about-the-world/coronavirus

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Child Mental Health & Coronavirus



Keep Your Head brings together reliable information on mental health and wellbeing for children, young people and adults across Cambridgeshire & Peterborough. <u>https://www.keep-your-head.com/</u>

Here is the guidance from the Government on Coronavirus -

www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-

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covid-19-outbreak

Here are a selection of sites which can help with child anxiety -

Youngminds

https://youngminds.org.uk/blog/what-to-do-if-you-reanxious-about-coronavirus/



https://www.anxietyuk.org.uk/blog/how-to-talk-tochildren-about-covid-19/

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https://www.annafreud.org/what-we-do/anna-freudlearning-network/coronavirus/

When you have those difficult conversations Winstons Wish is a Charity that can help with supporting bereaved children, giving advice on what to say and do – www.winstonswish.org/coronavirus-supportingbereaved-children-and-young-people/

Here are a selection of sites with some mental health and wellbeing tips, some recipes, activities, advice, guidance on supporting children and coping with stress for parents/carers and practitioners

- www.nhs.uk/change4life
- www.nhs.uk/oneyou/every-mindmatters/coronavirus-covid-19-staying-at-hometips/
- www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxietydepression/mindfulness/
- youngminds.org.uk/blog/talking-to-your-childabout-coronavirus/#ten-tips-from-our-parentshelpline
- <u>www.who.int/docs/default-</u> source/coronaviruse/helping-children-cope-withstress-print.pdf
- www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novelcoronavirus-2019/advice-for-public/healthyparenting

Keeping children safe online -

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Safeguarding Partnership Board have produced a presentation around safeguarding children from online abuse



http://www.safequardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/ho me/covid-19/e-learning-during-covid-19/

Here are a few sites with some ideas about how to keep your children safe online during this time-

- www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/keeping-childrenhappy-and-safe-online-during-covid-19
- www.net-aware.org.uk/
- <u>https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-</u> tools/home-activity-worksheets/
- www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/cco-childrens-digitalsafety-wellbeing-kit.pdf

Have you thought about creating a family agreement for online safety to keep children safer? www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/onlinesafety/o2-nspcc-family-agreement-template.pdf

Parents online safety guidance on online safety www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpcontent/uploads/2020/04/cco-parents-digital-safetywellbeing-kit.pdf

If children want to keep up to date with news about the coronavirus -They could watch CBBC Newsround www.bbc.co.uk/newsround

AND DON'T FORGET TO WASH YOUR HANDS! -

