



Dear Parents and carers,

As we finish week 6 of school closures and lockdown, staff have been reviewing how we can continue to support and reach out to our parents and pupils. We really want the children to know we are thinking of them and missing them, so class teachers will be ringing each pupil next week for a chat with them. They will be asking how they are finding the work that has been set, if they have learnt any new skills while at home and what they have enjoyed most about their time at home. We hope that this will be reassuring for pupils. If you are aware that you have changed your phone number recently and not informed us, please email the school office so we can update our records and your child does not miss their chance to chat to their teacher!

We are also working on a way for children to see their teacher as well! Of course, this will be remotely, but all teachers (and some brave TAs) are videoing themselves reading a story or doing a fun activity and these will be available for pupils to view. We are just in the process of ensuring the technology is in place, alongside the required privacy and safeguarding settings and then I will be able to let you know how to access these videos!

Mrs Johnson-Motyl has kindly found some really great NHS guides to support people's mental health. They have been shared with our staff and we hope that you may find them useful too. They are really interesting and informative and can be downloaded to read or listened to in audio format. Below is a link to access them and they will also be available to view on the websites for both schools in the parents section:

<https://www.dpt.nhs.uk/self-help-guides/>

https://content.twinkl.co.uk/resource/de/8a/t-p-805-mental-health-and-wellbeing_ver_1.pdf?token=exp=1587723705~acl=%2Fresource%2Fde%2F8a%2Ft-p-805-mental-health-and-wellbeing_ver_1.pdf%2A~hmac=255ebc49a3f712b3015403cec5638f1da961c0da7686a6113d979eb308bb4dce

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<https://carolgraysocialstories.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Pandemics-and-the-Coronavirus.pdf>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2005/sentence-starters.pdf>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2001/emotion-wheel.pdf>

<https://www.mentallyhealthyschools.org.uk/media/2003/emotional-check-in.pdf>

Friday 8th May is a Bank Holiday in honour of the 75th Anniversary Victory in Europe Day. Wiltshire Council have produced a great pack of resources for your children to explore. There are lots of practical activities and links to further websites with additional information and resources. This can be found on <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/news/articles/ve-day-toolkit> This would be a great project for your child to focus on next week and maybe you can get your whole family involved, including Grandparents!

Please note, school is shut to those registered for childcare supervision next Friday due to it being a Bank Holiday.

Finally, I wanted to reinforce the remote learning that is available in order for you to support your child.

The Learning Hub can be accessed from the school website. It shows links to a number of websites that have suitable activities for all age groups. It then has 3 sections, one for each keystage, with suitable websites for each year group.

The teachers are setting activities through Tapestry (Early Years) or Purple Mash (Keystage 1 and 2) and we particularly recommend focusing on phonics activities in Early Years and Keystage 1 and the short Maths revision sessions on White Rose. The weekly activities available on Oak National Academy website (www.thenational.academy) are also very clear and easy to follow and cover the areas that would have been taught this half term. Please bear in mind that these activities are not differentiated as they would be in class, so some children may find them challenging. If that is the case and your child is struggling, it is fine to access the activities for the year group below and work through those as this will provide good reinforcement.

Please do not try to do more than 3-4 hours each day and break it up with some activities that are not screen based and that involve physical or outdoor learning.

Wishing all of you a safe and happy weekend,

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "C Addis". The signature is written in a cursive style with a small dot above the 'i'.

Claire Addis