



Newsletter



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Tuesday 9th June

“Amaze, Excite, Inspire”

My Goodness—how quickly this week has gone!

A huge well done to all our children this week, those who have returned to school and those continuing with Home-Learning. The children in school seem to have settled into a new ‘normal’ way of school life. What is striking is how well the children are supporting each other whilst maintaining the safer practices within the school and of course social distancing.

A quick reminder please ... it really helps if children are punctual for their bubbles’ staggered start. This allows one group to be away from the front of the school and in class before the next bubble arrives. Thanking you in anticipation for your support in this matter.

There is so much information that I would like to share with you this week so following on from last week’s format I will try and chunk the information for ease of reading.

Yours sincerely

Karen Winterburn

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Teacher Development Days—dates for your diary

Due to Lockdown the school didn't take the last two Teacher Training Days of this academic year. These were due to take place on 22nd May and 1st June.

These will now take place on Tuesday 21st July and Wednesday 22nd July. This means that the school term will finish for the Summer break on Monday 20th July at 3.15pm.

TD Days for the new academic year will be shared shortly

Home Learning

We are missing all those children who are still at home and we look forward to welcoming you back when circumstances allow. Home Learning is still being set for all year groups and there is an expectation that work is completed to the best of your ability. From this week, Mrs Porter will be making Home Contact calls and responding to Tapestry queries for children in Reception/Year1 who are at home.

E– Safety Update

With this week’s newsletter we are highlighting a recent document published by [Internet Matters Guide for Tik-Tok](#). I know that this has been a regular for some of our children so it is better that it is used safely with the correct privacy permissions.

I thought I would share an incident of something that has happened at one of our local schools. I am sure it will prompt you to check privacy settings and review the safer internet practices that are happening at home.

‘One of my class has sent a clip with a tag on from ‘Tik Tok’ as their home learning today (if you haven’t heard of it, it’s a website where you can share video clips). I clicked her username and tagged onto her profile were lots of the children at our school, sharing videos of themselves, some of them wearing school uniform, some revealing their full names. There were some children in Y6 but also a few from other classes much younger. One of my class had an account in his Mum’s name, so I assume she must know and be monitoring it? ‘

Leavers’ Service

Year 6’s please don’t panic! Whilst the service won’t be the same as in previous year, we will be holding a Leavers’ Service to say Farewell and Good Luck to you.

The service is in the planning phases at the moment.

- ◇ We think it will be held outside so that we can social distance in family groups.
- ◇ Sadly we think it will be just for our Year 6 children and their families this year.
- ◇ We are planning that the service will be held on Monday 13th July at 3.15pm. If the weather is inclement, it should hopefully give options to reschedule before the end of the term.
- ◇ Parents—this is a date to put into your diaries.

More information to follow

Thank you



Do you have a messy house? I don’t know about you, but home schooling and home working has not helped to keep our house tidy. But that’s OK, because sometimes life can be messy - thankfully that doesn’t put God off! When God became a human being in Jesus, he came down from heaven and stepped right into the mess of our lives. And by the Holy Spirit, God continues to walk with us through our messy lives, encouraging us and supporting us. The Bible says:

Christ himself was like God in everything. He was equal with God.

But he did not think that being equal with God was something to be held on to. Jesus gave up his place with God and made himself nothing. He was born as a man and became like a servant. (Philippians 2: 6-7)

Take a moment today to chat to God – tell him where life feels stressy and messy for you. Ask Jesus to help you – he’s just waiting to be asked!

Watch this song video ‘Join Us in the Mess’ – see if you can join in the actions and sing along. Have fun!

<https://engageworship.org/ideas/join-us-in-the-mess-song>

With thanks to engage worship

Mrs Bloomer

Online Resources—just in.

Good morning and welcome to **Week 2** of the **Wiltshire Virtual School Games**
Wiltshire Virtual School Games.

We had an incredible response to the athletics challenges in week one and hope your students enjoyed taking part.

This weeks challenges are based around gymnastics and cricket– written formats attached.

You may complete both or just one - every activity is treated separately.

Further information and video demonstrations on how to complete the challenges can be found by following this link
<https://www.wiltssport.org.uk/virtual-school-games>

They are also available on our Facebook, Twitter and Instagram page.

Entries must be uploaded onto the wiltssport.org.uk website by **3pm on 12th June** to be included in the competition.

There will be a prize for the school that has the most participants over the 5 weeks – this can include parents and teachers.

Look out for videos showing Gloucester/England Rugby Players Jonny May, Charlie Sharples Mark Atkinson attempting a cricket challenge.

Good luck and have fun!



Fun Kids Live

In this week's missions, we're finding out all about the most famous paintings going!

<https://www.funkidslive.com/learn/homeschool/famous-art/mission-1-the-ambassadors/>

Ten Pieces Home

Below you will find weekly activities for primary schools, home educators and parents to share with their students. Each includes a Ten Pieces film to watch and enjoy and a linked creative activity that can be completed by children at home without any special materials or preparation! A perfect, simple and easy way to keep listening, enjoying and creating music at this time.



For some additional simple ideas to help you stay musical at home, read our recent ["Get Creative with Classical Music at Home" article.](#)