

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2020**

Well it has been another very eventful week here at West Road Primary Academy. Everyone is working exceedingly hard to keep up to date with the guidelines that are helping us to open our doors to more children. Senior leaders are ensuring all systems are in place to reduce any potential risks.

The teachers have been working hard to set up the classrooms and prepare some wonderful activities for the children. The office staff are on the ball and ensuring they can offer the best help and advice possible. They are a life line for many and particularly at this difficult time.

Mr Roe our caretaker has made the school ready for the increased numbers of children. All the adults want to make sure that the children returning are happy, and they feel safe and secure whilst they are at school.

**Monday the 1st of June will only see the return of the Year 6 pupils, as well as our 'Priority' children (keyworker and vulnerable pupils).**

This is the start of our phased return. The risk assessment plan has been sent to you all for you to read. We are now set to go and really looking forward to seeing many children, their families and all the staff back together.

If you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

**So what has been happening this week in school?**

In Early years we have listened to the children read a few times a day. They have made super hero figures and built their own models. They have loved having a turn in the new muga and playing in our outside area together.

KS1 have been very busy getting creative. They have created lava lamps, stained glass windows (which looked very good when the sun was shining through the window), woodland work and lots of outdoor activities. The children have enjoyed spending time outdoors whilst the weather has been so nice and sunny.

This week Miss Purdy's class have learnt some really essential skills on Microsoft PowerPoint. They have enjoyed creating presentations about their favourite things during their half term and they are excited to show their peers when we return to school. The children have spent a lot of time in Jenny's Wood and they have eaten some lovely treats made on the fire pit. They have enjoyed playing rounders with the KS1 children and the sunshine has kept huge smiles on our faces! ☺

This week in Mr Silvester's class the children have explored multiplication and in literacy they learnt about fronted adverbials. They have made PowerPoints on a chosen topic of their own. They enjoyed going outside and collecting natural objects in Jenny's wood to make Rangoli patterns.

Again many children have been working very hard at home with the home learning packs and the work on the learning platform. We have received some amazing photos showing us just what they have been doing.

All the teachers would like to say a huge thank you for your support.

I know you would join me in giving a great big clap for our school team for their hard work, dedication to the children, and their flexibility and resilience this week. It has posed many challenges but they have faced them all in their usual positive spirit.

Mrs Heneghan

**Quiz Answers – 22<sup>nd</sup> May**

1. Herbivore
2. 1945
3. TARDIS
4. Heart
5. Red and Yellow
6. 48
7. Bear
8. Horse Chestnut
9. Fruit
10. Kid
11. Blue
12. Iris
13. Egypt
14. 32
15. Blue, Red and Yellow
16. Amazon and Nile
17. Belgium
18. Mob
19. The Houses of Parliament
20. Arctic

10. What is a female swan called?
11. What instrument does a doctor use to learn if a person has a fever?
12. What does a botanist study?
13. What is the person who carries a golfer's bag of clubs called?
14. In the movie "The Lion King", what kind of animal is Timon?
15. What is the third planet from the sun?
16. Which of the seven dwarfs was beardless?
17. In which country did Joan of Arc lead an army?
18. What does a carnivore eat?
19. Which ocean is frozen for most of the year?
20. What is the centre of a hurricane called?

**Quiz – 29<sup>th</sup> May**

1. How many years are there in a millennium?
2. What is the name of Harry Potter's pet owl?
3. What is the largest planet in the solar system?
4. What is the name of the mammoth in the Ice Age films?
5. Which artist painted the Mona Lisa?
6. What is the official residence of the President of the United States?
7. How many days are there in June?
8. What is the name of the Snowman in the film "Frozen"?
9. What colour is the centre of the target in archery?

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**Baby Animals**

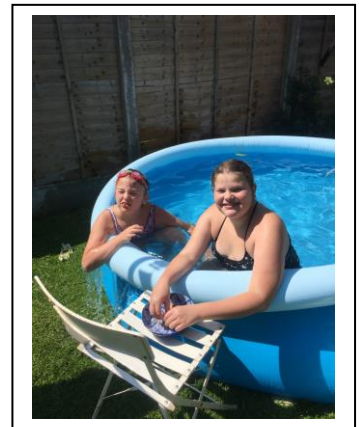
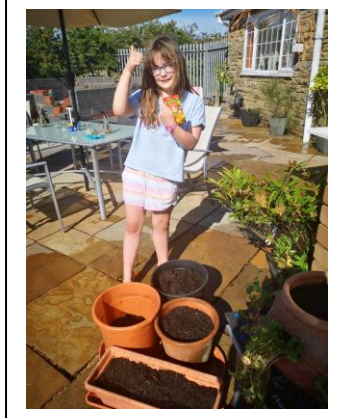
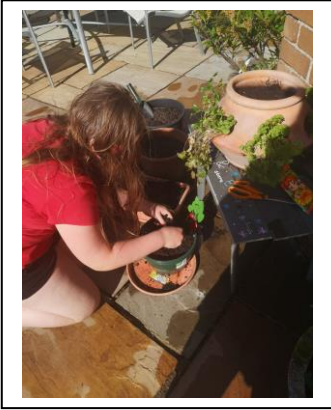
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PUPPY	FOAL	SPIDERLING
KITTEN	CHICK	TADPOLE
CALF	FRY	LAMB
PIGLET	FAWN	CUB

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29<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

**Children returning to School on 1.6.20**

Thank you to those parents of Year 6 and vulnerable children, as well as our key worker parents, who have contacted us to explain that their children will be returning to school from 1<sup>st</sup> June. We are really looking forward to seeing you all again!

**Safety Information Guide for Parents/Carers** – It is vitally important that you read the safety guide for parents circulated with this letter before travelling to school on Monday. Please share this information with whoever will be dropping your child off and collecting them from school. Paper copies are available in the office. The safety guide includes drop off and collection times, information about social distancing on school premises as well as other important messages to maintain everyone's health and wellbeing. Staff will be outside school each morning and evening to advise and help everything run smoothly. Please be patient – this is new for everyone and through working together, we can ensure a positive start and end to the day for our children. For essential reasons, which I am sure you will appreciate, anyone deliberately breaking the safety guidance will be asked to leave the school premises.

**Home Learning** – As numbers of children in school will increase substantially from Monday, the number of parents and carers on school premises during the day will also increase. We have therefore introduced new social distancing measures in the school entrance (clearly signed) – we must keep the numbers of people in the entrance and on the path outside to a minimum.

**Unavoidably, this means that from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June, paper home learning packs will no longer be available for collection from the school entrance.** Work packs for the week beginning 1<sup>st</sup> June have already been prepared for some year groups, so these can be collected as normal. There can be no more than 4 people in the school entrance at one time, so you may need to wait outside before entering, observing social distancing at all times. Again, we ask you to please be patient.

**From 8<sup>th</sup> June, there will be no more paper based work backs for any year group.** Instead, teachers will be placing all home learning resources on the school website each week. You will still be able to contact teachers via the class e-mail service or via telephone, but I would ask you to be patient when awaiting a response – teachers will be teaching in school from 8.45 am – 3.00 pm each day, so will be unable to respond to non-urgent queries as quickly as in recent weeks. Clearly, urgent matters will be addressed promptly.

**Children's groups** – We must stress that school will be organised very differently than usual, ie before lockdown. Following government guidance, we have placed children into groups called 'bubbles' – usually with around 10 children in each group. They will stay with the same children and adults all week. As mentioned in my previous letter, this may not be their usual teacher, but it will be with a familiar member of the school staff. Children will also enjoy lots of outdoor learning as health guidance states this helps to reduce the risk of infection.

Please refer to our risk assessment issued through the school website last week.

**Uniform** – Please note that on page 5 of the safety guide, it refers to the fact that we would like all children (key worker, vulnerable and Y6) to wear school uniform from 1 June. We understand that some families may struggle to provide a uniform in the current, challenging times. If you are currently unable to provide your child with a uniform, we would ask you to make sure children are dressed smartly, in colours as close as possible to those of the uniform and we would ask that jeans are avoided.

**Lunches** – We would encourage families to provide a packed lunch where possible. School meals will be available on site, but for the first week this will only be a cold meal, hopefully introducing a hot option from 8<sup>th</sup> June. This is due to social distancing measures reducing the number of staff who can work in the kitchen at any one time.

**Additional year groups returning to school** – we will be in touch towards the end of next week with information (dates etc) regarding the next year group to be invited back to school.

Thanks again for your co-operation and understanding. Through working together we can ensure the best possible provision for all of our children. Please do not hesitate to get in touch via class e-mail or telephone if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely

Kathy Thompson  
Headteacher