



NEWSLETTER

Friday 20th March 2020

Headteacher Message

Over the last few weeks we have been faced with many challenges and it is with great sadness that we close our doors today to the majority of our pupils. I wanted to take a few moments to thank all of our families for their incredible support and patience during these uncertain times. It is often said that in times of hardship people pull together and that has certainly been our experience. We have seen parents supporting the children and school in a way that has made us proud. Please be assured that we will be trying to keep our doors open for the children of key workers so that these frontline staff can perform their essential duties. Information has been sent out this morning to help us identify these families and prepare for next week. Please check SchoolPing and The Dean Trust website for the latest information.

All children have a parent pack to take home. This pack includes details of the online Learning Platforms to use so that your child can be educated at home, links to key websites, work books and an up to date pupil progress report. These have been sent home with children today. If your child has not been in school please collect the packs from the main reception area.

It will be particularly sad to see our Y6 children leave today as we are uncertain as to whether we will be open soon enough to be able to teach them again. We truly hope that they will return to us before the summer so that we can celebrate them - and their achievements - in the manner that they deserve.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff who have worked tirelessly to continue to provide for our children. Throughout this period they have been truly amazing, maintaining positivity and supporting each other whilst juggling their own family commitments and trying to keep healthy. I think you'll agree that we are very lucky to have them!

Finally, we owe a debt of gratitude to our NHS for the work they have already done and the exhausting shifts ahead. We wish you all the best and our thoughts will be with you as you help us through this pandemic.

Thanks again to all our families. I would like to wish you well in the coming weeks and I look forward to resuming 'normal' school life as soon as possible.

Thank you
Miss Edwards

Nursery

Mysterious eggs arrived in Early years last week. There was lots of predictions as to what they might be. Luckily we didn't have to wait too long to find out...baby chicks arrived. Nursery and Reception have loved caring for the chicks and learning all about the life cycle of a chicken. They inspired lots of our learning including singing lots of chick themed songs, sharing lots of chick themed stories and making chick pictures and information books. We even got to hold them. They were "very light and soft".

Nursery has spent time talking about the importance of sleep and how we get ready for bed. We even had a bed time story in our pj's. They felt very inspired and made some fantastic beds. Miss Rothwell was so comfy she nearly feel asleep.



To my wonderful Y6's!

I just wanted to write a little note of congratulations and appreciation to you all. When I first started teaching you were my first ever class; now many teachers say you will never forget your first class, and they aren't wrong! From very cute 6 year olds to the pre high school children you are today, it has been lovely to watch you all make amazing progress both academically and as individuals. If I had time, I could write an individual note to each of you I would but I think the below tells everyone how truly special you are.

We've shared fun times, sad times, Greek banquets, French songs (especially the dancing) and lots of laughs. You have all worked incredibly hard across the past year and I am devastated that we can't show off your true potential during the May tests, however I will repeat, the tests do not reflect how incredible, strong, talented and fearless you all are and I am heartbroken that this may be our last day as a class. I am so grateful that I have had the opportunity to be your teacher and work with a class as amazing as you all. You all have a very bright future ahead of you and I will look forward to when you visit us in the future.

Miss T x



Year 5

Today, Year 5 performed the poem 'Jabberwocky' using the school forest as a back drop. They were able to vary the tone and the pace of their voices.

Well done Year 5.

