

## Update from Mrs Jones - 12<sup>th</sup> June

Hello to all of our pupils and families. I hope that you are all safe and well. I just wanted to update you on what is happening at school.

It has been lovely to welcome back more children over the last two weeks and hear the buzz of children's voices once again filling the classrooms. The children have been tremendous and settled into their bubbles and new routines really quickly - they should all feel really proud of themselves for how they have responded to the changes.

Here is a photo of the excellent learning Class 1 have been doing about bees:



I'm sure that many of you still at home were really saddened by the government's announcement to put back their plans to get all children back to school before September. We are very disappointed in school that we are unable to welcome more children back as we fully understand the impact this is having on those of you who are still at home, both educationally and socially. Unfortunately, with the current 2m social distancing guidance, along with the cap on no more than 15 children in a class in place, we are unable to safely reopen to more children - we simply do not have the space or staff. I hope that you understand our decision as we really are doing the very best we can for our pupils in such difficult circumstances.

We will, of course, keep you updated on our plans for the end of term and September as we receive more guidance from the government.

On a positive note, I am really pleased that this week we have had a total of 42 children attending school for at least one session. I would like to thank the staff again for their hard work in enabling this to happen.

For those of you who are still at home, I would like to thank you for your efforts with home learning. I appreciate how hard you are working and recognise that you are really missing school and your friends. Thank you also to our parents for supporting your child/ren so well throughout. You are doing a fantastic job and should be proud of what you have achieved together at home.

We have enjoyed receiving your messages and photos from home: these always brighten our day and put a smile on our faces. Please do continue to send these in as we are creating some lovely displays in school. Congratulations to Joseph in Class 4 on having his excellent piece of writing shown on the Oak National website by the very impressed teacher! Well done Joseph!

Here is an example of one of our home learning displays - a work in progress!



We realise that Twinkl intend to scale back what it offers for those learning at home from this weekend. Their Home Learning Hub, which includes hundreds of learning packs for children who are not in school, will still be free to access.

Mrs Henden is really keen to get you all involved in the Rainbow Run next Friday. This is an event arranged by the School Games team that is being held across Norfolk. You simply need to dress up in colourful clothes and have a run. It can be short, long, at home or elsewhere. Each bubble will be taking part in school, staff and myself included! If you do plan on joining in, please take some photos and email these to the school office to be added to our display. This link gives more information: <https://youtu.be/U1NQdfOLI-s>

For those of you still at home, please remember that we are always here if you need us. Keep checking the website as we regularly update it and add more important information.

Stay safe, keep positive and look after yourselves.

With my very best wishes

Mrs Jones