



Dear parents,

I don't know if there are the words to sum up this week. Your kind emails of support have been very much appreciated as we navigate our way through this uncharted time. The critical care club has been like a bubble away from the rest of the world and the children attending have cheered our hearts.

Our thoughts are never far away from our front-line critical workers who have an almost impossible task ahead. Thank you to all our NHS workers and others who are helping to keep society functioning as normally as possible. A personal thank you to all my staff, whether they are in school or at home, they are all working behind the scenes to keep school running smoothly.

Please stay home and keep yourselves safe. Please remember that play dates should not be happening, as this falls outside of social distancing. You should only be socialising with your household members and no one else.

Mrs Price

Refunds

Mrs Carr is now in a position to refund the following things:

- Dance Tickets Under 11yr £2.00
- Dance Tickets Over 11yrs £2.50
- Dance Tickets Adult Tickets £3.50
- 3D Printing Club £1.50
- Swimming Year 2, two missed sessions £9.40
- Junior Hot Lunches £2.10 per day for the last two weeks. Either 3 day or 5 day, Mrs Carr has pupils' individual requirements and will refund appropriately.
- Morning and Night Owls Year 6 only for the last two weeks of term.

We have set up a Survey Monkey so you can select which items you wish to be refunded. Unfortunately, there will be a transaction cost of 50p for each item which has been deducted from your refund and gone directly to School Comms.

We will not be refunding Morning and Night Owls money to Foundation - y5 age groups, as we will carry this money forward to when we are next in school. Please complete the following: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/VPNFMMQ>

We are not yet in a position to refund the Tutankhamen exhibition at the Saatchi Gallery (£20) or the French trip yet. We will inform you when these refunds are available.

Special things to do at home

My staff have found a few links we would like to share with you. Firstly, the Royal Opera House is screening free online productions of some of their best loved ballets, dance and opera. The first screening of 'Peter and the Wolf' is tonight at 7pm; this will be available to watch at your leisure for the following seven days.

<https://www.roh.org.uk/news/the-royal-opera-house-launches-a-programme-of-free-online-content-for-the-culturally-curious-at-home>

Our second cultural gem is a stage show of 'Wind in the Willows', recorded live at the London Palladium 2017, again this is free to watch.

<https://www.willowsmusical.com/>

Useful websites

You may be interested in the websites attached as a pdf, please use at your discretion. We have been enjoying Jo Wicks PE, David Walliams stories and Rob Biddulph's art lessons at school.

Timetable

Many parents have asked for help organising a timetable for their children's school day. We recommend the following but are also mindful that this will not suit every home or child's needs. There is no pressure to adopt our timetable, it is there to support you if needed.

9am Joe Wicks workout
English (no more than 40 minutes)
10:30 Break- playing outside
Maths (no more than 40 minutes)
MyMaths, Times Table Rock Stars / maths game
12:00 Lunch
1:00 Art eg. Rob Biddulph drawing
break/ free play
Craft activity (or science, art, history, geography, music etc)
6:30 Reading time

Please keep sending in your photos of your children doing activities at home, who knows- you may get star of the week!

Reading Eggs

I thoroughly enjoyed teaching Little Owl's class this last term; seeing their reading, phonics and decoding skills developing in leaps and bounds was a particular highlight for me! Which has led to wondering how we can help support your child's reading development at home, at this critical stage in their learning.

I have opened a school account for Reading Eggs- an online teaching resource which supports the teaching of reading through phonics. I have registered all Little Owls, Year 1 and Year 2 children onto this. This weekend I will email all of you individually to share your child's unique username and password for this account. I am attaching a Reading Eggs user-guide for parents along with this newsletter.

I have spoken to a few parents who are already using this resource at home with their child, to help me manage the learning could I ask that your child uses the school account I have set up. This will mean I can acknowledge their progress and effort, as well as helping us as a school to gather data, putting us in the best position to teach when school re-opens.

Many thanks for your support with this, I am very interested to hear your feedback.

Mrs Wilde

Mrs Price's Pupil Stars of the Week

John Reed- eggciting egg experiment.

The Rysdale family- for their beautiful fairy glade.

Freddie Sampson- for planting a vegetable patch and potting up plants.

Maya- a great tiger habitat.

Annabelle- for concentrating on her writing.

Maggie- for educating her whole family on wild South American Cats.

Ned and Jack Carr- keeping all the family fit on a run around the village and in-home PE lessons.

Zac and Luke Redding- for playing Monopoly so their Mum could work and make tea.

Betsy and Freddie Ford- for a relaxed approach to the current situation (lots of sunbathing).

Luke Vicary- for developing so many new skills (car washing, cake baking etc)

Isabella Crowther- modelling good learning habits to her younger sister.
Freddie, Martha (and Percy)- for working and playing co-operatively.
Finley Ghouse- for a chilly penguin habitat.
Samantha Heap- for demonstrating the skills of her future career- baking!
The Lloyd family- modelling family's working together harmoniously.
Courtney Boyce- practicing safe, fun social isolation.
Jacob Humphreys- for multi-tasking between writing and PE.

Mrs Price's Adult star of the week

Mr McCrea- being our own lunch delivery 'boy'.
Mr Manders- for delivering a bunch of flowers and birthday cake for Miss Holford's birthday.
Seven Stars- for staying open and cooking lovely take away lunches.
Dinton Postman- for taking the school post to Mrs Carr (whether she liked it or not!)
Bottle and Glass- providing school with pizza on Monday.
The dustbin man- for making me smile and making sure we were safe.
The Dinton village walkers and horse riders- who wave at us every day, and to one particular lady who clapped us!
Mrs Collett (Haddenham St Marys)- for providing us with a box of paper towels and special shopping arrangements.