

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for sending in photos and video clips of the things you are doing at home. It has been wonderful to see how creative you are being. The staff are enjoying seeing what you are getting up to!

In this time of great sadness and worry it has been heart-warming to see the small acts of kindness that communities are able to do. Anecdotal, I have lived in my house for a long time and only know my neighbours to say hello and exchange Christmas cards (probably due to the fact that we all work). However, when we went to clap for the NHS, people chatted, asked if we were OK and it was quite humbling. I know that lots of you will be looking out for your neighbours and have joined community help groups. Please do what you can and keep safe.

Mrs Price

Photos and videos of working at home.

We will assume that anything you send to us is fine to go on the website. Please let us know if you don't want the photos, links to Youtube or videos made public. With this in mind, please don't send us more than 3 pictures of the activities your child is doing. Thank you

Critical Care Club

The club will be running for the duration of the school closure and will only be closed for Bank Holidays. I asked one of the children to tell me what they had been up to this week as Mr Jackson, Mrs Reed, Mrs Humphreys and Mrs Alder were leading the club and this is what Jessica F wrote-

'This week we made a donkey out of clay because Jesus travelled on a donkey. We also painted them. On Tuesday we baked cakes and decorated them. There was also maths in baking cakes as we had to weigh things out. We really enjoyed being at school this week. '

Thanks Jessica.

Online Resilience Course for parents to support children

The charity, Bounce Forward are holding regular sessions for parents to build vital skills to help their children be more resilient during this uncertain time. Each hour-long session will be hosted by Lucy Bailey - Chief Executive Officer & Co-founder of Bounce Forward, with the content based on the science of resilience. There is a small charge of £10 for the course, we believe it is well worth the fee. Mrs Wilde and Mrs Bowman recently attended a training session for teachers led by this charity, they found the day informative and very relevant for our children in terms of coping strategies, skills for life and mental wellbeing. We would strong urge you to take up this opportunity.

Family Support on website

We have added a new area to our school website, with an aim to provide support for families. The page is divided into sections: Support during school closure, support and general advice, feeding your family, money and budget advice, bereavement and wellbeing. The first area of support during school closure is full of advice, links to website, colouring for children, museum and gallery virtual tours etc.

https://www.cuddingtonanddintonschool.co.uk/family-support/?doing_wp_cron=1585908311.4855270385742187500000

Reading Eggs

Thank you to the parents who have logged onto this phonics and reading site with their children. We are currently trialling this product, so unfortunately limited to only one class. We would love to hear from the parents from Little Owls with feedback. If it proves successful, we will roll out to more classes- we will keep you posted.

Next homework will be posted on the website on Monday 20th April

Virtual educational get-a-ways this Easter

Why not take your family on a virtual tour this Easter holiday? We have brought together over sixty places which offer virtual tours: from museums and art galleries to space centres and a safari park, there is something for everyone! Find the link on the Family Support page of our website.

Refunds

We have struggled with Survey Monkey to gather the information for refunds. If you would like a refund as detailed, in the previous email, please try the link below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Q6KL2VT>

Mrs Price's children's Star of the week

Emma S- delicious looking fairy cakes and story writing

Eva- a wonderful papier mache globe

Oscar and Maya- Sharing whatNaomi- marble run

Freddie and Betsy- Pizzas and research on the Titanic

Holly and Jackson- thoughtful acrostic poems

Jessica F- An inspired spring poem following a family walk

Billie M- tree felling and camp building

Darcey and Henry Peaks- sketching Dinton Church

Yuvi- great maths work

Skye -NHS poster and Youtube Channel

Lana-writing about Cheersley Horse store

Maks- a lovely birthday message to Zac

Claudia- for engaging daddy in a play about Lions!

Courtney- a tricky marble run

Alice Miller- expert knowledge of human biology.

Amelia David-working at home with a beaming smile!

Billy Smith- great work on animal habitats

Calli Brogan- yummy looking cake making

Harry Clarke- Keeping Mum fit and beautiful drawings

Theo G - creative phonics and a wonderful rendition of 'I'm going to Paint a Perfect Picture'

Hannah- an amazing lego roller coaster

Florence and Sophie- fab exploding experiment

James and Martha Kennell - enthusiastic reading
Teddy- a thoughtful Spring poem
Samantha- creative sewing
Molly Miller- wonderful work following her village rainbow nature walk
Olivia H- an inspiring song about Corona virus
Ryan- drum practice with Mr Heard
Sophia- finishing William Morris inspired bag
William - a moving powerpoint on Covid19
Joseph S- an inventive marble run
Joseph L- demonstrating knowledge of Human Biology

Mrs Price's Adult Stars of the Week

Mrs Wilde- for working on all the website updates
Mrs Carr- for sorting out refunds and Free School Meals for Pupil Premium Children.
Mrs Alder- for forwarding all your emails and ensuring the school runs smoothly, remotely.
Mr Deschamps- for closing down the Infant site and keeping the Critical Care Club clean.
Mr Price- for his unbelievable patience with me and my IT requests!

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