Dear parents and carers,

We are so ready for the children to come back on Monday. The children and staff in school are excited about seeing everyone, as well as preparing themselves for the hubbub of busy school life!

We hope you have all enjoyed our 'World Book Day Week'. All the staff thoroughly enjoyed seeing so many children popping into their story reading zoom sessions. Hopefully children have managed to take part in the reading challenge- we look forward to seeing your photography next week.

Thank you for your support during this lockdown: we feel that all children will be much better prepared to engage with their learning. This is due to the support and guidance you have given them whilst at home.

Have a great weekend and see you all on Monday.

Mrs Price.

## **School Buses**

These will be running as normal from Monday. Please make sure that children are sitting next to and near to children from their bubble.

## **Programming Challenge**

I have attached a flyer for a programming competition. If your child wishes to take part, please let me know as the application has to come through the school.

# Youth Filmmaker and Photographer of the Year Competition

Engage with nature in a fun and creative way. This competition is open to all children aged 16 and under, no previous experience or specialist equipment is required – just a passion for telling exciting, local wildlife stories, flyer attached.

#### Year 3 and 4 'National Gallery' zoom

This was one of the most uplifting events of this current lockdown. The children were so responsive to the paintings, offering great ideas. It was such a privilege to be on the 'visit' with our fantastic children. I never knew Gainsborough made up his landscape by creating models with broccoli and milk! We just wish we could have taken them to the gallery, but this was definitely a second-best plan.

#### Asymptomatic testing

information for parents and adults in households with children at school or college from the DFE.

Parents have been asking if they should test their primary aged children before returning to school on Monday. Please see the guidance below from the Department for Education.

Test kits can either be collected or ordered online, as set out below.

- Schools will not give test kits to parents, carers or household members and should not order more test kits for this purpose.
- Secondary school and college students will continue to access testing through their school or college

Please share the information below with your parent networks to help answer any questions they may have.

Undertaking regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing helps reduce transmission of the virus. Parents and other adults in households with children at school or college, who do not have symptoms, can now access regular, rapid coronavirus (COVID-19) testing. This includes childcare and support bubbles.

Tests are fast, easy and completely free. There are <u>different ways</u> for a household, childcare or support bubble to collect their test to take at home, twice-weekly:

- through your employer, if they offer testing to employees;
- by collecting a home test kit from a local test site anyone aged 18 or over can collect 2 packs of 7 tests;
- by ordering a home test kit online please do not order online if you can access testing through other routes, this frees up home delivery for those who need it most.

If you have any queries about the tests, and you live in England, please call 119 (free from mobiles and landlines). Lines are open every day from 7am to 11pm.

Children of primary school age (and below) without symptoms are not being asked to take a test. Testing is voluntary, but strongly recommended to all who are eligible. Alongside the vaccine, washing hands, wearing face coverings, and maintaining social distancing, rapid testing plays a vital role in reducing transmission rates. Getting into the habit of regular testing as part of our everyday lives will help us all to play our part and do what we can to protect each other.

### F4CADS - Easter Trail

F4CADs are delighted to announce that we will be running an Easter trail in Cuddington with the support of the villagers and church. The trail will run from 1st April - 18th April and will be much like the Advent Trail with window displays and clues to find. This will be a fun activity for all ages over the Easter period.

In view of the current times, we plan on a minimum entry fee of £1 per participant. Each will receive a small chocolate treat for completing the trail which will be distributed after the Easter holidays. Further details to follow soon.

## Payments Open -

Morning and Night owls on School Gateway App