

Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been lovely this week to have so many positive messages of support sent to us. Your kind words are very much appreciated and very welcome during these challenging times. Words are very powerful and at times we all need those 'kind words' to keep us going – *keep being kind to each other but remember to also be kind to yourselves.*

After more than 50 days of lockdown we should all be extremely proud of ourselves – the wheels are still turning, our children are loved, safe and learning and from the pictures I have received this week, you are having fun with your families 😊 What's not to be proud of ?

Thank you to all the parents who sent pictures this week and remember to keep sending in your pictures of what you do as a family so I can include them in my next letter. Any photographs can be sent to office1@pyegreen.staffs.sch.uk and will be forwarded to me.

'Thank You' TESCO Hednesford

We are very grateful to TESCO, who last week donated 5 lovely hampers to school. These hampers were delivered to families within our community 😊



Thank you also to the parent who donated PPE equipment for staff within school.



Parent Survey

We have been asked by 'Play and Creative Arts Therapist', Jacquie Shankly to see if any parent would be willing to complete the confidential survey below. Jacquie is currently applying for charitable funding to put together a package of support for parents to help them cope with any emotional or mental health issues that their children may be experiencing as a result of the Coronavirus Crisis. As part of the bid process she would like to survey parents to establish what their needs are.

If you would be willing please follow the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/78JB2DH>

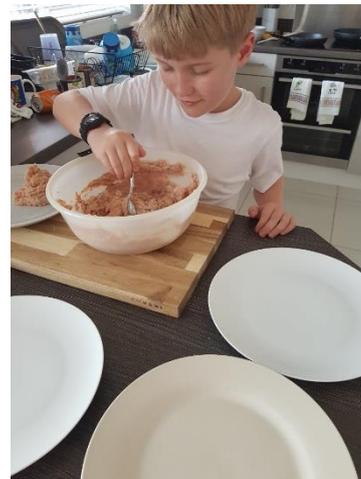
"Everybody Worries" by John Burgeman

Please follow this link to access a book to share with any children worried about Coronavirus
<https://en.calameo.com/read/000777721945cfe5bb9cc?authid=Xu9pcOzU3TQx>

VE Day Celebrations Within our Community



Happy celebrating VE Day



Special Achievements



As well as making Corned Beef Hash for the family dinner, Alex also took part in 'The Great British Camp Out' with his scout group to raise money for the NHS. Harvey and Oscar also took part in the event in their back garden.



Ryan created his own video message for staff thanking them for their support during this difficult time and Skarlett created a Powerpoint linked to her new hamster and how to care for her.

A big, well done to Iyla, who learnt to ride her bike without stabilizers 😊



World Challenge Club

As a family, would you like to take part in a unique, worldwide challenge each day linked to Science, Technology or Maths ? Would you also like the chance to win amazing prizes ? Click on the link to find out more

<https://www.dendrite.me/competition/view/competitionid/5e8b01ed308abff56c417b88#tab:collection-groups>

Citizens Advice

We have also been asked to let you know that although their offices are closed, they are continuing to support everyone during this difficult time.



We're still here to help

Our outreaches and offices are closed for face to face contact at this time, in line with Government guidelines. However, you can still contact us by phone or on-line

citizens advice Staffordshire South West

general advice
National Adviceline **03444 111 444**
or for self help, email or chat on-line
www.citizensadvice.org.uk

consumer advice
0808 223 1133 or chat on-line at
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer

advice about on-line scams
0808 250 5050 or chat on-line at
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/consumer/scams

help to claim Universal Credit
0800 144 8 444 or visit
www.citizensadvice.org.uk/universalcredit

Pension wise
Call **0800 138 3944** or visit www.pensionwise.gov.uk

Staffordshire Victims Gateway
If you have been a victim of crime call the local SVG Helpline **0330 0881339**



telephone advice service
we're just a phone call away

If you need **specialist** help and support, with:

debt
housing
managing your money

just pick up the phone and contact us on:

 **07736 929523** or
07736 929525

 call-back@citizensadvicestaffsw.org.uk

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Young Voices

On June 2nd, the organisers of Young Voices, which some of you may have been to, are hosting a 'Big Sing'. If your child (or you) are interested in taking part, please visit www.youngvoices.co.uk/powerinme

Free School Meals

If you feel you may be eligible for free school meals and therefore a £15 voucher per child, per week for as long as schools are closed, you can apply on the link below. To qualify you must be receiving the benefits listed on previous letters. You can still apply by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/staffordshire>

Return to School for Some Year Groups

We are still in the process of sifting through the 'ever changing' Government guidance and will be sending out further information about our school reopening in June for pupils in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Y6 early next week.

Have a relaxing weekend, take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Sarah Yates

Acting Headteacher