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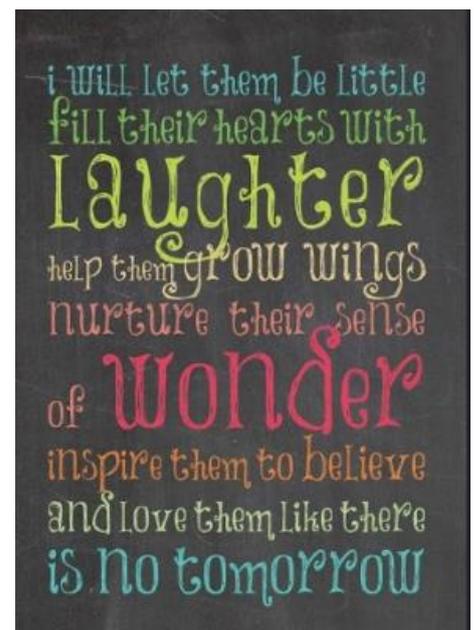
Dear Parents/Carers,



Is this you this week? If you are nodding, then you're not alone. I think this thought has crossed the minds of millions of parents this week. It has certainly crossed mine!

In reality, the things that our children remember about 'Covid-19 Home Schooling' will have nothing to do with a worksheet. It will be the special time you spent in the garden discussing something that interested you both, planting flowers, the picture you drew together or the walk in the rain that you enjoyed because you hadn't taken your coats. Infact, I have just asked my teenage children the best part of lockdown and their answer was - 'we get to lie in! Oh, and the snacks'. It wasn't the hours I have spent with them pouring over the periodic table, calculating formulas for kinetic energy, researching the ins and outs of solar energy and the flavelas of Sao Paulo! No, it was the fact they stay in bed longer than they normally would and they aren't moaned at half a dozen times before 7am to get up. When pushed for more, they then talked about relaxing in the garden, growing vegetables, watching Netflix as a family and learning to make banana pancakes - they didn't mention the worksheets they have completed once!

Getting children to experience 'magical moments' is a vital learning tool that has far-reaching and very significant impacts. If next week you try to find some of these moments, you will not go far wrong!



What have our families been doing this week ?

Lili-Mai got up early to be in Lichfield for 7.45am as her archery club had reopened with social distancing rules in place. It has been 4 months since Lili-Mai has shot an arrow, so she was really excited to be back shooting.



Jessica, with the help of her big sister, has been extremely creative with her underwater creation linked to the 'Under The Sea' topic. What an amazing piece of work! 😊



Skarlett made her own Egyptian jewellery.

Children in school made 'ant homes' and used the iPads to virtually take 'flat pack teacher Miss Deeley' to the safari park!



In Nursery, our children have been making Fathers' Day cards, writing in flour, going on a 'Bear Hunt' and some are still putting their uniform on every morning before their starting work. 😊



Fundraising for Pye Green Academy

You can now raise money for our school by 'shopping'.

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Suncream and Sun hats for those attending school

With the warmer weather that we have been having this week, please put sun-cream on the children before they come to school and ensure they bring a sun hat/cap.



Reading Books

Before the summer holiday, we would like all reading books returned to school so we can organise them for the new term. If you have any fiction or non-fiction books at home that belong to school, please return them to the labelled boxes on the path by the main entrance. These boxes will be available everyday from the week beginning Monday 29th June and will stay there for two weeks.



Meet the Teacher

Obviously, this will need to look very different to previous years. Attached is a letter detailing who your child will be taught by next year and also arrangements, where possible, for you to meet them.

Reports

Next week, staff will be delivering reports to those children not in school. Staff will email you to let you know which day(s) they will be out and about so that you can say 'hi' if you wish. Please make sure the office have your correct address to prevent the reports being delivered to previous homes.

Government Guidance

You may be aware that the DFE released a blog yesterday referring to social distancing in schools. We are aware that this has caused significant concern over a lack of clarity. From both a school and Trust view, our guidance around social distancing at Pye Green **has not changed** – children in school are expected to remain 2m apart and the number of children in our bubbles is not changing. We await further clarity from the Government for future weeks but, for now, we will continue operating as we have been.

Online Sessions for Parents (You still have time to sign up)

Family Support Service by SCTSP in Partnership with Staffordshire County Council



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ONLINE BEHAVIOUR WORKSHOPS & WELLBEING PROGRAMMES

Understanding and Managing Anger and Defiance in Children and Young People

Please choose one of the following dates and times:

Monday 29th June: 1-2pm or

Monday 13th July: 1-2pm or

Monday 13th July: 6-7pm

Understanding and Managing Anxious Behaviour and Low Self Esteem in

Children and Young People

Please choose one of the following dates and times:

Monday 6th July: 1-2pm or

Monday 20th July: 1-2pm or

Monday 20th July 6-7pm

3- week Parent Wellbeing Programme (Parent only)

Monday 29th June/ 6th July /13th July – 11-12am

To book your place please contact:

Email: raminderdhalwal.fss@sctsp.org.uk or text/phone: 07741645691. Once you have booked onto you will be sent instructions on how to access the Workshop/Programme.



Free School Meals

I am aware that over the past few weeks, the circumstances of our families may have changed. You might now be eligible for 'Free School Meals' or Pupil Premium Funding even if you haven't been before.

The Government have also revealed recently that the £15 per week vouchers **will continue for each eligible child during the 6 weeks holiday.**

To qualify, you must be receiving the benefits listed on previous letters but you can still apply by following this link <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/staffordshire>

Have a relaxing weekend, take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Sarah Yates

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