



Coombe Bissett Primary

EASTER HOLIDAY SPECIAL

Newsletter



VALUES FOR LIFE & OPTIONAL EASTER HOLIDAY PACK

Thankyou to those parents who have emailed teachers or whatsapp'ed each other their examples of prayers, reflections and Easter activities. It has been great to hear that some have enjoyed Jenny's worship and singing the song from fishchytunes. **From myself, governors and all staff we wish you a safe and loving Easter.**

HOMELEARNING

Thankyou to those parents who messaged regarding the homelearning sent out. We do apologise that so much has been sent out, but please understand the reasons for this as being:

- In response to requests
- To ensure parents know we have it all covered
- To signpost families towards a wider range of activities beyond the purely academic
- To ensure that, in the future, there are no weeks when a class (or more) could be left without suggestions for homelearning. This is actually a very real likelihood considering our small staffing structure. Thus, all the additional ideas have been generated and issued now, whilst there is still staffing capacity to do so.
- To ensure staff wellbeing should the staffing capacity be reduced even further (a very real likelihood)
- Issued to all families as there are different 'keystage' children in each family – sorting resources would have been very time consuming for our current limited staffing capacity
- The pack of exercise books / learning workbooks (not referenced by teachers) will be delivered soon.

Please note: some of the resources not specifically labelled for a keystage are actually aimed at KS2 (such as the Fraction Wall, Decimals and Percentages and the Writing Toolkits); and that the curriculum maps are only for normal schooling – teachers are very likely to deviate from these in this period of homelearning.

All of these now mean that if there is a break / or inability to deliver weekly homelearning due to staff shortages, or should parents want to do more, or should parents want ideas for activities that are not academic...every child, regardless of need, homelearning is covered for the rest of the academic year.

CHILDREN KEEPING IN CONTACT WITH THEIR PEERS

During this period of isolation / social distancing what many children are struggling with is the lack of opportunity to interact and socialise with their peers as they would normally do at school. To help, we suggest:

- Email in to the school office images of children's learning / reflections / prayers – perhaps, and **whilst there may still be the capacity amongst staff**, we could collate these and send them out
- Using your social media groups you have set-up, message each other with images of children learning / reflections / prayers
- Using your social media groups you have set-up, children could video-call each other
- We are exploring if our website can be re-launched or if a school based youtube channel can be created. If so, then it may be possible for you to send your videos to the school office who may be able to put a small and appropriate selection of these on the channel / website – **this, of course, depends on staffing numbers available**

SCHOOLING FOR VULNERABLE / KEY WORKERS

Please can all vulnerable/key worker children email the school only on office@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk on a regular (daily/weekly) basis to inform the school of (non)attendance. This is to support staff safety so that they do not need to make unnecessary journeys if not needed – protecting their wellbeing and health so that we can continue to offer schooling.

The latest school newsletter can always be found on our website using the following link

<http://www.coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk/>

Email the school at admin@coombebissett.wilts.sch.uk

Call the school on 01722 718380