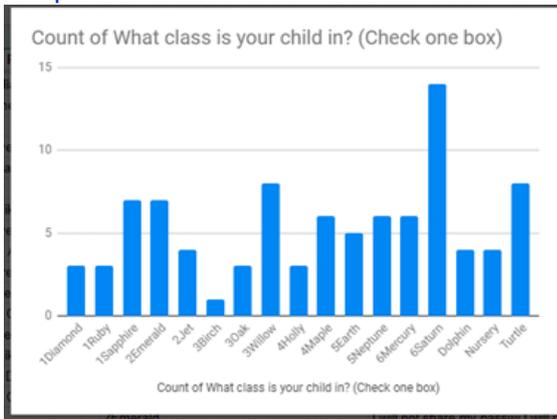


Friday 8 May 2020

Google Classroom

Well done to all of you who are now accessing Google Classroom. It has been great seeing the messages, photos and videos coming through of the children. I would like to remind everyone to ensure any work, photos and videos uploaded must be respectful to our community. Unfortunately, some messages have had to be removed. If these messages continue, those students may be blocked from accessing Google Classroom.

Near the top of each classroom is an Acceptable Use Policy. Please read this with your child and tick all the statements to show you have read it. So far 6Saturn have the highest number of completed forms. Well done 6Saturn.



Nursery

Well done to everyone who was able to join us on Google Classroom. It is amazing to see your comments and participation. Ms. Sekanina has been calling nursery full time children this week. It was so lovely to talk to you and to hear that you are all happy and safe. We know that you are missing the nursery and your friends and teachers but we hope to be all together again soon. Until then stay safe, remember to do your busy work and daily exercise which is our theme for next week's message!

Reception

Well done to everyone who has signed up and logged onto the Google Classroom this week. All the teachers in Reception have absolutely loved seeing your comments, photos and videos coming through. This week Miss Gibb and Miss Cornford have been calling all the children in Reception. We have enjoyed saying hello and hearing about all the things you have been getting up to while at home. We were glad to

hear that you are all doing well and keeping safe. We look forward to hearing from you all on Google Classroom this week. It would be fantastic if you could share with us what you have been getting up to by leaving a comment or posting a photo. Stay Safe!

Year 1

It has been lovely to speak to so many of you over the phone this week. We can tell that you have all been getting on with lots of fun things! It is so nice to see so many of you access Google Classroom. Thank you for sharing your comments and videos. Make sure you keep your eyes out for new videos of stories and games! You will be able to see some familiar faces if you look carefully. It would be great to see photos and videos of what you have been doing.

Year 2

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to Google Classroom this week. It is a great way for us all to stay connected with each other while we are not at school. Mr. Stevenson and Mrs. Mendykowska have been calling all the Year 2's this week and it has been so wonderful to talk to you all and hear about all the things you have been getting up to at home. We would also like to say WELL DONE to all the Year 2's that have been using Reading Buddy and Times Tables Rockstars!

If you have any book requests, questions or fun challenges for your teachers you can put them on your class page in Google Classroom. Stay safe and take care!

Year 3

The Year 3 teachers would like to say thank you everyone who has signed up to Google Classroom this week. It is a great way for teachers and children to stay connected with each other while we are not at school. Class teachers have been calling all the children this week and it has been so wonderful to talk to you all as it has been a long time since we last saw each other. Teachers are delighted to hear that children are accessing Oxford Reading buddy and practicing their times tables on TT Rockstars! Other reading is also happening at home, so if you have read a really wonderful book that you would like to share with your friends, then send your recommendation to your class teacher on Google Classroom! Tomorrow, on Friday 8th,



the country is remembering a famous historical event: VE Day. If you would like to find out more, then visit our History section on Google Classroom. You'll also find lots of fun activities to do too! Stay safe everyone!

Year 4

The Year 4 teachers have really enjoyed speaking to so many of you on the phone this week. We will try calling again soon if you missed our call this week. We've also really enjoyed seeing so many of you on Google Classroom! It's been lovely to read your comments and see some of your videos - do add more videos if you can. There's lots of great activities for you to try out on Google Classroom and do leave a comment under the activities to tell your classmates if you enjoyed it. We're looking forward to adding some more videos too for you to enjoy - look out for these in the coming weeks!

Year 5

It has been lovely to talk to you on the phone this week. If you missed our call, we will try to call again soon. This week, some of year 5 have started the 30 Day Earth School Challenge. Each day, on google classroom there is a new video and questions about something interesting that impacts the Earth. This week, we focused on bugs, the production of t-shirts and mobile phones and dust. Well done to everyone that has taken the time to reflect and comment.

Ms Collinson and Miss Ashton love cooking and baking and were so happy that people gave our recipes a try or were inspired to try a new recipe. Next week is National Vegetarian Week, make sure you log on to google classroom and to see what new recipes we try. Look out for the teacher challenge next week that we will be posting into Google Classroom!

Year 6

Thank you to everyone for their contributions on Google Classroom this week. We have seen a range of activities shared in Year 6 such as origami art, drawing, book recommendations and lots more. Please remember to click classwork and complete the extra activities at home. We have seen great participation and we want to say WELL DONE! Look out for the teacher challenge next week that we will be posting into Google Classroom!



Inclusion

Recent resources added to *Inclusion* on Google Classroom include an EAL support pack for parents (produced by Ealing borough) which

consists of advice and links to resources in different languages. Also on Google Classroom, there is a Speech & Language classroom that is a resource for those children who have worked with Kelly Ellis, our speech and language therapist.



Counselling support

If you feel that you or your child need any support during these difficult times and particularly now the school has had to close, please do get in touch with me.

Please contact me on the following:

email: hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org

phone: 07429 654584

Helen Thorp Schools Counselling Manager

Reading

Puffin schools: The story makers



Imagine having a creative writing lesson from your favourite author? Or drawing along with a legendary illustrator? The Story-Makers Show gives children everywhere the chance to learn from their author hero. Each show lasts 30 minutes and is created for Key Stage 2. Look again and you may find a very familiar face!

All you need is an internet connection, a screen and pens and paper for the draw-along. You can watch



the full show again On-Demand and find the shorter 2 -4 minute videos featured in the Video Resources section of the website: <https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/shows/>.

Puffin story time KS1and KS2

Every weekday at 3:30 is Puffin Story time, you can watch on [YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/), and find more brilliant initiatives run by Puffin authors and illustrators. If you take part, share your stories and photos using #PuffinDreamer and #PuffinStorytime or send them to your class teacher on Google Classroom!

On **Tuesday at 3:30pm**, author **Sam Copeland** continues reading from his fantastic book *Charlie Changes into A Chicken*. Listen to

chapters 5 & 6 and hear more exploits as Charlie, with the help of his friends, tries to solve a very unusual problem- he can't stop changing into different animals! Sam visited our school and opened our school library last year.

If you like to draw then join Book Trust's Writer in Residence Ed Vere on **Wednesday at 10am**, for one of his weekly drawing lessons. Ed is an award-winning picture book author-illustrator whose books include *How to Be A Lion*, *Grumpy Frog* and *Max the Brave*. Each week he shows children how to draw one of the fantastic characters from his books - all you need is a pencil and piece of paper!

Here is the link:

<https://www.puffinschools.co.uk/news/puffin-s-to-watch-at-home-this-week-13-24-april-2020/>



KS1 Phonics

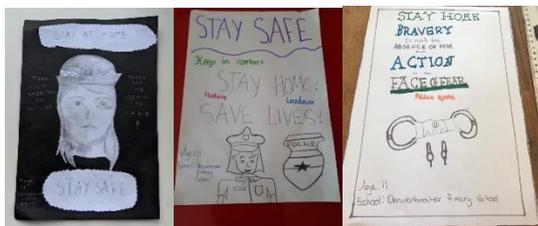
KS1 children, don't forget that you can practice your phonics by logging on to the daily virtual lessons. The sessions are only available at these times:

- Set 1 Speed sounds at 9:30 and 12.30
- Set 2 Speed sounds at 10.00 and 1.00
- Set 3 Speed sounds at 10.30 and 1.30

Please note that these are streamed live. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fbLgY2oA_cFCI9GdxtQ

Community Police Project

Thank you to everyone so far for sending in their posters for the community police project. We have extended our deadline to Tuesday 12th May at 3.15pm. Please get involved with our local project. We are looking for you to produce an A4 poster. Below are some examples that we have already received:



1. A picture of something that makes you smile and feel happy such as your favourite funny joke.
2. A message for the police, for example: "Thank you for making us feel safe"
3. If your parent(s) are key workers, what do they do?
4. Your first name, age and school. You can add just your age and school if you prefer.

These posters will be put up around our police stations and posted on their various media sites. This local community will encourage our young people to get involved in what is going on but in a positive way. Please send your entries to parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk or leave them outside school in a box labelled, 'police project' on Tuesday 12th May, 2020 or your child can post them to the whole school classroom on Google Classroom.

VE Day



Friday 8th May 2020 will mark 75 years since the first VE Day. You can find creative ways to celebrate online whilst at home: with virtual street parties, decorating homes, dressing up and baking! How will you be celebrating?

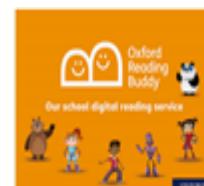
Click on the links below to make some bunting, colour in posters or to make some flapjacks!

<https://ve-vjday75.gov.uk/toolkit/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4TrqYDyf4PMdLypxzyTwGDg/great-british-bunting>

Reading Buddy

Well done to 30Oak for their excellent engagement in Reading Buddy this week. You have been reading lots of books and completing many quizzes. Great work!



Well done to all the children in the other classes who are logging in weekly and making great progress on Reading Buddy. Will your class be on the top of the leader board next week?

Free Book giveaway



The poster features two stacks of colorful books at the top left, the Derwentwater Primary School logo at the top right, and the text 'FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY!' in large, bold letters. Below the text is a bulleted list of details. At the bottom, there is an illustration of three children reading books.

FREE BOOK GIVEAWAY!

- We are giving away **FREE** books at the school gate every Tuesday.
- Please come along and pick up a book to take home and read.
- This is a no contact setup so come along and pick up a book in your own time.
- Books will be left out (weather permitting) from 9.15am-3pm.

READ

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots



Well done to everyone that logged on to Times

Table Rockstars and Numbots. This week, the class with the highest engagement was 3Oak. Remember, everyone now has access to Numbots as well. This online platform allows students to secure and practise addition and subtraction skills. When students login, they work through the levels of difficulty (the early levels may seem simple to the older students) once they have answered enough questions correctly they will be moved up automatically.



Felix Project, Food Banks and Distribution



During this difficult time, some families are struggling with finances and food. We offer the Felix Project every Tuesday which provides food parcels to those families who require it. Pick up is 3.15pm at the school gate. (Please adhere to social distancing guidance). Also, see the link to Ealing Families Directory which provides full details of local food banks and distribution services

Discussions around ending lockdown and schools reopening

There is much media speculation about when schools will reopen and whether it is safe to do so. School is following government advice and will continue as it is until we are told otherwise by the government. Health Secretary Matt Hancock has warned that pupils may not be able to return to school until September. The Department for Education has said that schools will remain closed “until the five tests set out by Government to beat this virus have been met.”

We understand that life is difficult under lockdown and there is much uncertainty. We are expecting an announcement on Sunday from the government regarding schools. We do not receive information in advance so please give school time to reflect, plan and respond to any changes in the guidance.

Phone Calls



The teachers really enjoyed talking to your children this week. We hope they benefited from the call and it helped them know we are thinking of them. It highlighted to us how much we are missing the children and how important this relationship is. If you missed the call, teachers will try again next week. Remember that there will be no caller id as most teachers will be calling from home.

A THANK YOU to all the staff at Derwentwater and our whole community

Thank you to all the incredible staff at Derwentwater who have been supporting one another and working hard to support our community as well as their own families. In the five weeks that school has been closed, we have all coped with an enormous amount of change.



With very short notice, the school set up a provision that ensured the safety of pupils and staff attending school. Teachers have spent time writing reports, planning, creating learning cycles, finding useful links, writing messages for the newsletter, writing letters to their class, making and uploading video messages and stories, completing online training, making calls to families and launching Google Classroom. Non-teaching staff have been completing FSM systems,

sending reports, checking and responding to emails, keeping the school safe and clean and much more.

Thank you, from all of the staff at Derwentwater, for being a wonderfully supportive community. We've had really positive feedback about our approach to learning, well-being and communication. Thank you for your kind messages. We review our approach and offer on an ongoing basis to ensure our community is supported as much as possible.

A reminder that home learning is to be used in a way that suits your family circumstances. You do not have to complete all of what we share with you. We simply recommend that you access some of it to stay engaged with school and learning. If you do this in other ways as a family, we trust you are making the best decisions for your children.

We miss you all and welcome your feedback and messages.

SAFEGUARDING DURING SCHOOL CLOSURE:

If you need to get hold of the Designated Safeguarding Officer, please contact Mrs Karen Hankin via email Parentcomms. If you are concerned about a child, please call Social Care on 0208 825 8000



Childline <https://www.childline.org.uk/>

Childline are there for you all day and all night. You can talk to them about anything. No problem is too big or too small.

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