



Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 19th June 2020

Message from Mrs Gardner

We are thinking of our whole school community this week as we welcome more children back. Our Year 6 children have enjoyed themselves even with the new rules and changes. However, we continue to miss those year groups and children who have not returned to us and we look forward to the time when everyone can come back.

All of our teachers and teaching assistants who are not shielding are being used across all bubbles to teach and support Year 6, Year 1 and key worker children. Due to some families choosing to not send their children into school, it has allowed us to open up to another eligible year group. We are excited to announce that we are aiming to open to reception on 29th June or earlier. There will be further communication in the coming days from Mrs Hankin.

We hope the changes to Google classroom have been a success for all of our children and families. As a parent, I have sometimes found it difficult to juggle the demands of home learning with work. Family circumstances vary and we need to appreciate that this has been a challenging time for many. Please be kind to yourselves and remember the importance of well-being and harmony in your household. We will be ready to support your children when they return.

The summer term will end on Thursday 16th July for most children including key worker children. Friday 17th July will be graduation day for Year 6. Mrs Kirby will be sharing more details about this exciting event that will give school an opportunity to celebrate and say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children.

Please look out for the **My Story** feature in this week's newsletter. It is an interesting read and a wonderful reflection of the rich diversity and history amongst our school community. Who is it? Do you have a story to share? We would love to hear from you.

Nursery

It has been wonderful to hear from you through Google Classroom. We are so impressed with Oscar and Zoe's nature project and can't believe it has been almost a month since we started this blackbird journey. Thank you Oscar and Zoe for sharing this with us!



We are really sad not to be able to welcome nursery children back before the summer holidays, but we will keep you busy through interactions and meetings on Google Classroom and keep you updated about the transition plan for Reception.

Our next Google meeting will take place on Friday the 26th at 11:30.

Google meet link:

<https://meet.google.com/rxy-ecmv-ekd>

Reception

This week Miss Gibb and Miss Cornford really enjoyed seeing some of your faces on our Google Meet video calls. It was great to see some of the amazing things you have been creating while at home and for you to be able to share this with some of your friends. Our next Google Meet will take place on **Tuesday the 23rd of June at 10am.**

Dolphin- meet.google.com/bge-vsnk-zvm

Turtle - meet.google.com/aot-cygj-jdb

We are now busy getting prepared for Reception students to be able to return to school on the 29th of June. We look forward to seeing some of you soon.

Year 1 and 2

This week we have been busy setting up all the downstairs classrooms ready for many Year 1's to return. It was fantastic to see so many of you on Google Meet this Thursday and hearing what you have all been up too.

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It has been wonderful reading all your poems and we are looking forward to reading your stories this week!

Mrs Mendykowska and Mr Stevenson have been really impressed with everyone that posted their set of instructions on Google Classroom. They have been really pleased with all the effort you have all put in!

Year 3 and 4

All the Year 3 and 4 teachers have been very busy this week helping out with the Year 6 children and setting up classrooms for the Year 1's. We are sad not to see more of you yet, but have been loving seeing your interactions and positivity on Google Classroom. Well done to all the Year 3 children who submitted their sound collector poems. The Y3 teachers thoroughly

- The squeaking of the bunk bed
- The jingling of the bells
- The clicking of the Lego
- The dwang of the keyboard sound effects
- The flushing of the toilet
- The squirting of the soap
- The rustling of the towel
- The banging of the door

enjoyed reading them! Here's an extract from Chloe's poem.

Year 5 and 6

Well done to the students in Year 5 who submitted their alternate endings to Little Red Riding Hood. We have some really creative

students in Year 5. Hopefully, you have been able to view the feedback from Miss Ashton and Miss Collinson. We are really looking forward to reading your reports on Friday. Thank you to Hamish and Queenie who shared



some extra writing that they have completed. Remember to keep working on your recipes for the Great Year 5 Bake Off. It has been great hearing about all your recipe ideas so far. Here are some

It has been lovely to have Year 6 children back to school this week. Children have settled into their new bubbles and are enjoying their time back at school.

Would you like Sir David Attenborough as your geography teacher?

BBC Bitesize have these great lessons available for you to access at home. These lessons include great animations as well as footage from The Natural History Unit.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/53048939>

Share your learning with us on Google Classroom and in school with your bubbles.

Reading Buddy

Well done to 2Jet and 1Ruby this week for their excellent effort on Reading Buddy. Lots of



children logged in from these classes and completed quizzes and read many books. Great improvement on engagement in KS1 classes- well done everyone.

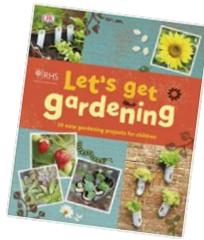
Well done to everyone in the other classes who has logged in this week and worked hard to improve their reading comprehension.

Reading

The School Reading List

<https://schoolreadinglist.co.uk/books-for-topics/activity-books-for-children/>

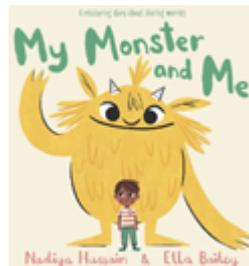
Great activity books for children with lots of fun and engaging activities. The list of reading suggestions is reviewed regularly and includes titles by Julia Donaldson and Miro Tratan. Some books include activities around gardening, cooking and baking and lots more.



There was an omission in last week's newsletter which we'd like to rectify this week. As you can see, our new Scholastic picture and chapter books have brightened up the lower hall in readiness for the return of our KS1 readers!

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 children back to school next week. Could parents and carers please keep their children's Oxford Reading Tree readers at home for now as teachers will not be changing books at the moment.

With the continuation of restriction measures during lockdown, children may find social distancing difficult to understand or manage. There are some lovely picture books which deal with anxiety and worry associated with this. The first is 'My monster and me' by Nadia Hussein winner of the BBC's The Great British Bake Off in 2015. This touching story is about a little boy whose worry monster follows him everywhere he goes and helps give children and parents the tools they need to talk about worries and anxiety, to ensure that no child suffers in silence.



Competition

Celebrate 150 years of Charles Dickens by entering this Book Trust competition and win a beautiful book of his stories! Simply answer the question 'Which character is a friend of Oliver Twist?' and leave your details at: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading> by 11pm on Friday 14 August. Good Luck!

Next Week's Assembly

Story: Following a three-month closure period, Chester Zoo and many other zoos have been allowed to reopen.

Question: Should zoos have been allowed to reopen earlier?

Virtual Assembly: Now live on the Picture News Vimeo channel!

<https://vimeo.com/channels/picturenews>



This week's British Value



My Story

This is a member of staff. Who do you think it is?

“My mum was born in Vietnam whilst my dad has a British dad and German mum. My parents met when they were living in Paris. My dad was studying and my mum was working as a translator for the United Nations.”



If you are interested in reading more and finding out who it is, then click on the link:

<http://www.derwentwaterschool.com/stories>

Everyone has a unique story to tell of their journey. Are you are interested in sharing yours? Send an email to:

parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk

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 shut, please do get in touch with me.

Please contact me on the following:

email: hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org

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Helen Thorp Schools Counselling Manager

Inclusion

Struggling with the school work? There is a new classroom on



Google Classroom that is called Home Learning Packs. On it, there will be all of the school's packs and so if your child is struggling then you can find something from another year group that may be more suited to their needs. And if your child is looking for a challenge then they can take a look at the older year groups.

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.

