



## Derwentwater Primary School | Friday 26th June 2020

### Message from Mrs Gardner

A glorious week of sunshine and lots more smiling faces at school has really lifted everyone's spirits. Thank you to everyone who has followed the new expectations around social distancing. Make sure children come to school with water bottles which can be refilled at designated sinks. Please send in sun hats or caps and apply sunscreen before school begins.

Teachers are very excited about welcoming Reception children back to school on Monday. Please remember your allocated start and pick up times. We are confident it will be a huge success.

Exciting news for Years 2, 3, 4 and 5, who will have the opportunity to see their teacher and the rest of their class in a Google meeting next week. The children in Reception, Year 1 and 6 really enjoyed their meetings. A link to the meeting will be shared with parents via text or email.

Education secretary, Gavin Williamson, said on 19th June that the government plans for all pupils to return to school in September. He mentioned plans to extend 'bubbles' to include the whole class; we are expecting further guidance on how this will work in the next week.

Thank you for all of your kind messages at the gate and in emails. We really appreciate your support and we hope you have felt supported by school.

### Nursery

Well done everyone who was able to join our very first Google Meet last week. It was so lovely to see all your smiling faces and to hear your lovely voices too.



This week we have been learning about birds. We hope that you enjoyed the home learning and can't wait for you to share your work with us on Google Classroom.

Well done to Abigail for learning letters and sounds. It's impressive to see how

fast you learned the sounds.

Google meet for Nursery Friday 26th of June 11:30.

Link: [meet.google.com/rxy-ecmv-ekd](https://meet.google.com/rxy-ecmv-ekd)

### Reception

It has been another great week for Reception. Everyone has been working so hard and we have loved seeing all of the work that you uploaded on Google Classroom. Well done!

It was also fantastic to see so many faces on our Google Meet, we really enjoyed chatting to all of you and we are even more excited to see some of you in school next week!

### Year 1 and 2

It has been great to see a lot of the Year 1 students back at school this week. Everyone has been very excited to see each other again.



Don't worry Year 2, there will be a Google Meet for you next week on Wednesday to see your teachers. Just follow the links underneath for your class at 3pm on Wednesday the 1st July.

2 Emerald: [meet.google.com/ezh-nhvr-uws](https://meet.google.com/ezh-nhvr-uws)

2 Jet: [meet.google.com/evp-cfgm-gwq](https://meet.google.com/evp-cfgm-gwq)

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Year 1 and Year 2 have both been completing some great writing on Google Classroom. Well done everyone!

### Year 3 and 4

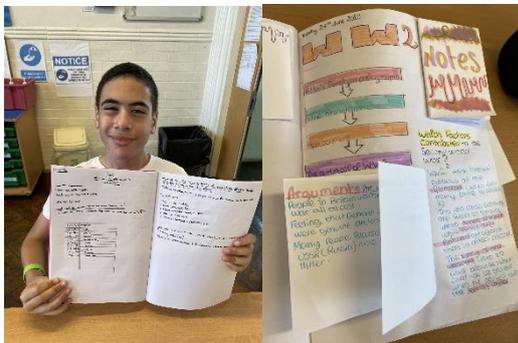
In the coming week, Year 3 and 4 teachers would like to organise a 'Google Meets' with all the Year 3 and 4 children. We've missed them terribly and look forward to seeing their faces again and hearing their news.

### Year 5 and 6



Year 5 have written some interesting reports on mythical beasts, on Google Classroom. There have been some very strange looking beasts!

Year 6 have enjoyed the sunshine this week at school including a very competitive champ tournament in the green bubble! We've also been completing some very impressive work all about the first and second world wars!



If you would like to feature in the end of year video, please send your videos to the Year 6 email by Tuesday 30th June.

We are excited to hold the Year 6 graduation on Friday 17th July from 9.30-12.30. Please see Mrs. Kirby's email with further details. If you would like to volunteer balloons or nibbles for the children, please contact

[year6@derentwater.ealing.sch.uk](mailto:year6@derentwater.ealing.sch.uk)

### Reading Buddy

Well done to 3Birch and 2Jet this week for their amazing efforts on Reading Buddy. 3Birch you have shown an increase in your reading online so keep it up!



### Reading Books

If your child has a reading book at home (Oxford reading book, library book or a book linked to their writing unit) we will be leaving a box at the school gate every morning and afternoon for the books to be returned, until the end of the term. If you do not return the books by the end of this term, please return them when your child returns to school in September.

### Reading

Year 1 children returned to school this week and some children have returned their Oxford Reading home readers along with their book bags. If your child hasn't already done so, could they please return their books in the coming weeks? Teachers will not be sending new home readers until the start of the new academic year in September. In the meantime, could parents encourage their children to log onto their online Oxford Reading Buddy?

Book Trust reading charity continues to offer children opportunities to boost their confidence when learning how to read and communicate, how to draw with the illustrator Rob Hodgson and win a subscription to Bojo Robinson. You can also find your child's next amazing book on <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/best-new-books>

Just scroll down to find books for a range of ages. Parents might also enjoy sharing a beautifully illustrated physical distancing book by Eoin McLaughlin called 'While we can't hug'. Here is where you can find it: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/news-and-features/features/2020/june/while-we-cant-hug-eoin-mclaughlin-on-writing-a-physical-distancing-picture-book> .

If you're looking for something fun as a family, enjoy story time with their fee online books, videos, quizzes and play games!



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## Assembly

Story: Many statues around the world have been questioned for their purpose and value in recent weeks.

**Question:** Why do we have statues?

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

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



## This week's British Value



## 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](mailto:hthorp4.307@lgflmail.org)**

**phone: 07429 654584**

**Helen Thorp Schools Counselling Manager**



## Inclusion



BBC Teach has a series of short videos that feature children who struggle with various conditions including asthma, diabetes and dyslexia. The children tell the viewers about their lives including how they feel, what they struggle with and what other people in their lives do to help.



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/pshe-ks2-same-but-different/zn87vk7>

## 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/>

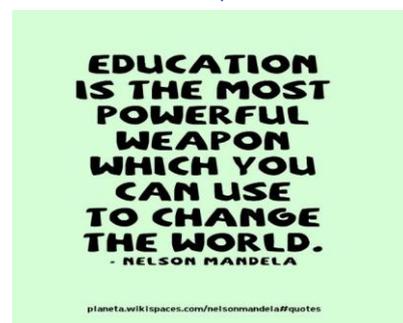
Childline are there for you all day and all night. You can talk to them about anything. No problem is too big or too small.



## Anti-Racist Education

We believe Nelson Mandela's wise words that education is the most powerful way to bring about change.

At Derwentwater, we strive to be an inclusive



school that celebrates our rich diversity and promotes equality and respect in all we

do. It is everyone's responsibility to develop strategies to address issues of racism and bias so we can live in a fairer society. We are asking ourselves how we can speak out about racism and injustice and what more we can do as a school.

Edwina Buenor, an English teacher in South London has created some excellent resources to tackle anti-racism with children. We are looking at how we will use these materials within our teaching at Derwentwater.

We are reaching out to our black community in solidarity and we welcome your feedback and suggestions on what we can do to bring about positive change for our black children and society as a whole.

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