

Wootton St. Peter's CE Primary School Newsletter

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Our Vision: Unlocking hearts and minds to a love of learning and love for one another.

www.wootton-school.co.uk

Our School Values: Perseverance, Generosity and Compassion.



SCHOOL NEWS

Dear all,

I hope that you are well. The teachers and I continue to be very impressed by all you are managing to do at home. We understand, however, that many parents and carers are juggling home learning with trying to work from home. This is a tough ask. Please do not worry if some days are less than smooth and you feel thoroughly harassed! The start of the week in my household was very difficult, the task of teaching your own children should not be underestimated. Some home learning is important, but it will be varied, as will be your children's motivation for certain subjects. It really does not matter if your children do not finish all the home learning every week, but it would be great if you could listen to your children read every day. **Your family's health and well-being is the most important thing**; chatting together, playing games, both outside and inside, having a walk, relaxing on the sofa and so on is hugely beneficial. This is a time when many families can take a break from the usual frenetic programme of activities which make up normal family life. Life is on pause but it will be temporary. I miss the whole school community greatly and very much hope we all stay safe, well and healthy. I look forward to finding out the Government's plans for reopening schools and hope that we will see each other very soon.

National Helplines and Support services

Families may face all kinds of challenges over this time and it is important to know who you can turn to for support and information. You or your children may need support, or you may hear something about another family that needs help. We have attached a list of

websites and helplines that may be useful for you, a friend or family member.

Free School Meals - Are you eligible for financial assistance?

It is recognised that family financial circumstances may have been negatively impacted by Covid19. If your circumstances have changed, you may be eligible for Free School Meals in the form of food vouchers. Please contact the school office by email or phone, or see the **School Meals** section on the school website for further details.

VE day 75th Anniversary Friday 8th May

Friday May 8th is a Bank Holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. School will be closed and teachers will not be setting any work on this day but we have attached a template and instructions about how to make your own bunting (instructions can also be found at bbc.co.uk/makeadifference.) Radio Oxford are asking people to send them pictures and to tag @BBCOxford in their social media as well as using the hashtags #GreatBritishBunting and #VEDay75 so that all the effort people put in can be shared far and wide. They would also love anyone to get in touch with them to share their family stories of VE Day via social media or makeadifferenceoxfordshire@bbc.co.uk

Street dance

Charlotte Barnard has been running her after school dance club online and it has been a great success. If you would like to join these session please email charlottebarnard.dance@gmail.com and she can tell you how to join in at home.

Remember just because we aren't at school together we are still a school community.

Love from all the Wootton Team

