



Crayke C of E Primary School

'TRY YOUR BEST IN EVERYTHING YOU DO'

Respect Friendship Forgiveness Determination

Dear Parents and Carers,

It seems hard to believe that we have only one more week until half term. This week would have been SATs week for Year 6 pupils; we know pupils in Class 4 and the staff who work most closely with them, especially Mrs Chandler and Mrs Shirley, may have found this week particularly strange. We hope that the poem Mrs Chandler shared last week brought a smile to your face and you will be pleased to know that she has worn her sandals in your honour all week!

Parish Magazine

Last weekend Mrs Warriner contacted us, asking for a contribution to the Parish magazine. This is something we often do and the focus of this month's chosen piece was what life is currently like in school for children of keyworkers. Mrs Rayner compiled the children's thoughts, and, just in case you don't receive a copy of the magazine, we have reproduced it for you here:

A day in the life of the child of a keyworker

A typical day in lockdown at the moment is coming into school because my parent is a key worker. I really like it. I have been going outside a lot more every day and doing learning from home or the learning packs in school instead. Life is different to how it used to be. It's a bit strange because we have to stay two metres apart now and can't see other people in our family that we don't live with. You don't get to see your friends. In lockdown, I have been enjoying playing in the garden more, trying new things and having lots of snacks. I had a birthday in lockdown and had a party on 'Zoom' instead of a normal party. When it's all over, I'm really looking forward to being able to see my friends and family again. I feel like I am more grateful for key workers now than I was before. It's nice to say thank you to people who help us.



The children who have been in school have been busy with their latest rainbow themed activity – painting and varnishing stones. We thought you might like to see it – thanks to Mrs Dobson for leading on this.

Next week they have been tasked with creating posters for the toilets reminding children about good handwashing practice.

Wider opening of school from 1 June 2020

As I trust you read in the guidance issued this week, together with our letter (posted yesterday), we have been very heavily engaged in planning the safe, phased, reopening of our school. The earliest we are expected to open school is from Monday 1st June. We have rapidly worked through all the recommendations and requirements issued and updated by the DfE and have already shared initial proposals with some Governors. Further DfE guidance was issued late last night, which we are now working through to apply to our school. We are now taking on board the additional issues and expect to share an updated "Plan for Re-Opening" early next week. This will include considerations of dropping and collection procedures, how we will organise the school day, what will happen about playtimes and lunchtimes, how we will provide school meals and the actions we will implement to ensure social distancing through grouping and zoning. Sadly, of necessity, the classrooms will look very different. We plan to send photographs home for you next week to help you prepare your child for this. A couple of parents have been asking about whether they should be buying new uniform and, in particular, school shoes. I wanted to reassure you that we would not want you to go to unnecessary trouble and expense at this time and that there will be flexibility in our uniform policy to help with this.

Thank A Teacher Day – 20 May 2020

In amongst all of the government guidance circulated this week, they also shared details of the annual, national Thank A Teacher Day. I would be simply unable to choose just one staff member as they have all been absolute heroes and they **all** deserve our most heartfelt thanks for their flexibility, support, courage, bravery and team spirit throughout these challenging times. This was echoed by our Chair of Governors during our virtual meeting yesterday.

This national day of thanks will mark a moment when we, as a nation, can come together to say thank you to teachers across the country who are making a difference not only now during these unprecedented times, but every day of the year. The Teaching Awards Trust are asking as many people as possible to share their message of thanks, ideally in a video clip leading up to the day. This will be in an expression of their choosing - singing a song/miming to a song of thanks to their teacher, writing and/or reciting a poem, or sharing a picture of a drawing. For more information visit <https://thankateacher.co.uk/thank-ateacher-day>

Thanks for your ongoing support.

Have a brilliant weekend,

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Where's Church this week?



As church buildings are still closed and worship is happening at home instead, please join me at <http://bylandchurches.net/> to find weekly worship and other bits from time to time.

As mentioned previously, an increasing number of our church groups are moving onto meeting on Zoom. Please get in touch if you would like more details. I can also send you the weekly notice sheet and the monthly church magazine by email. If you normally get a paper copy and haven't received it, please let me know.

If there is anything that Church can help you with, please do get in touch. I have contact with people in each village so can arrange practical help or people to chat to.

Email revliz@trundlebug.co.uk or telephone 07388 510894 or 01347 822809

Best wishes

Revd Liz