

****Ashton First School News****



Friday 22nd May

Welcome to our final split newsletter. We hope that during the time the school has been closed to most of you that you have found these newsletters a way to keep up with what everyone else has been doing, and boy have you been busy. After half term we will send out one newsletter but include in it news from those of you who are at home too.

Thank you for the amazing letters, videos and messages you sent on Wednesday, you can't begin to understand the affect that these had on the staff, they were touched and it made them realise why they love their jobs. I often say how lucky the children are to have such dedicated professionals working with them but it means so much more when it comes from the children themselves.

Next week is half term so teachers will not be setting work for home schooling but this will continue for the week after. Unfortunately our Mathletics free trial has expired but we hope that you have enjoyed using it as part of your learning over the past 8 weeks. I know it has been a favourite for those children working within the hub here.

I will be sending a letter shortly which will give more detail about the decision to open on 1st June and next week will send one with arrangements for those year groups returning to school on 1st June.

1st June was due to be a TED for teachers but we feel that as the school will be open for key workers on that day we do not want to take it then. We may need to use it later in the term if we are to open the school to more pupils. I am sure you are aware it has been quite a challenge to prepare the school to welcome back Y1, Reception and Early Years taking into account government guidance.

If you have any urgent queries next week please phone the school and leave a message and someone will get back to you as soon as they can.

Finally thank you all for continuing to work so hard with your children they have learnt so much from you.

News from the school

Mrs Emond, Mrs Fritchie and Mrs Shiels have been in school this week and have focussed on keeping healthy. They looked at nature and discussed how being outside often makes us feel good. For one of their activities they looked at the work of at the artist Andy Goldsworthy who uses natural objects to make sculptures and made their own creations. In forest school they experimented with designs by hammering leaves.



WARNING OF ROAD CLOSURE 26th - 30th May Parts of Elmley Road will be closed from just past St Barbaras Church to Bredon Hill Academy.

Mental health survey WCC Hereford Cc, worcestershire NHS trust

Together with Worcestershire County Council, Herefordshire Council and Worcestershire Health & Care NHS Trust we have launched a survey to find out about the experiences of mental health and anxiety in children and young people during the Covid-19 outbreak.

The aim is to gather information that will help us to understand what worked well for children and young people and their families and to learn lessons and put measures in place to improve the mental health services for children and young adults in the future.

This questionnaire is aimed at children and young people and can also be filled in by parents and guardians on behalf of their child to tell us about their child's experiences.

<https://wh1.snapsurveys.com/s.asp?k=158824230701>

Have good half term.



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