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Upcoming Events

**Wednesday 16th September –
Individual/sibling group
photographs**

Office Hours;

Monday: 8:30 – 3:30

Tuesday: 8:30 – 10:30

Wednesday: 8:30 – 3:30

Thursday: 8:30 – 10:30

Friday: 8:30 – 10:30

Term Dates – 2020 to notified when known.

WHAT? A Monday newsletter?

We hope all is well with you all. I know it's not Friday, and it's the 'holidays' but here is an update to keep our school community in touch. When school 'starts' again on April 14th we will return to the normal Friday newsletters.

Home learning

Thank you for the feedback. There has been much positive and some questions. These are unprecedented times and we are all learning together as we go; your next home learning pack will reflect the feedback we've received.

Families, like children are all different, what works for some is not helpful for others. Some have found this is not enough work, some too much, some too much structure, some not enough - obviously these are issues that do not arise in the classroom, so we are all learning how to make this work together.

Heads of all the schools in ESW are working together to devise the best way to continue our children's education through on-line systems. This is new for primaries, we will keep you updated as this research progresses.

If you come across any good resources, please share with us - teachers have done a lot of research but discoveries made by parents can be shared as well - we don't know everything that's out there and new resources are appearing all the time – we're in this together!

Resources: some parents would like hard copies of worksheets. We are planning to set up a collection point in the school hall next week – more information to follow...

While the curriculum is important, children's mental wellbeing is paramount. We recognise that children learn best when they feel safe and secure.

Some thoughts from an educational psychologist:

Educational psychologists – such as Zubeida Dasgupta, who is at home in Brighton with her three children – understand that being home for a prolonged period can be difficult and stressful for some children.

'We focus on safety, love and fun.'

Parents may also be stressed and worrying about the health of family members, their finances or food security, she says.

So her approach has been to emphasise that home is not school and she is not a teacher. "We have decided to focus on safety, love and fun, with a little bit of learning where the children are showing interest," she says.

One child is very motivated and organised, she says, working through tasks set by school, helping his younger sister and following his interests in skills such as coding. The others are getting more guidance in activities such as gardening or recording music on the computer. The youngest has volunteered to practise spelling and times tables.

“I think we are all experiencing a feeling of loss of control at the moment, so doing activities where your children can be involved in planning and making decisions - and also succeeding - may help them feel a bit more in control.”

“If we can support our children through this, it may well end up being a positive experience. They may develop some resilience and discover new found interests and skills.”

Ideas to share: (there are so many, so we will try to select the best).

- **BBC Home learning:** The BBC is launching a series of daily educational programmes designed to allow children to study key national curriculum topics while Britain’s schools are closed. The daily Bitesize TV episodes, hosted by presenters including the Strictly Come Dancing star Oti Mabuse, with other famous faces expected to join later, will run for **14 weeks from 20 April**, the traditional start of the summer term. Six different daily shows, each for different age groups between five and 14, will be produced every weekday for the BBC’s iPlayer and red button services.
- You might like to check these out – some educational TV shows are familiar to those of us with young children: <https://www.whathifi.com/features/11-best-tv-shows-for-homeschooling>
- Could watch this again and again – it’s a brilliant way to introduce your children to classics – Beethoven’s 5th Symphony:
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vcBn04lyELc>
- You will no doubt have seen that lots of celebrities are offering online activities to keep you all busy. The following may give you some good ideas for activities;
- Maths with Carol Vorderman www.themathsfactor.com
- Storytime with David Walliams
<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>
- Cooking with Jamie Oliver
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=eJLA2RIZNq4&list=PLcpoB2VESJme7ISxXEcXyVtFPsMI78IcL>

- Music with Myleene Klass
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQh2wgJ5tOrixYBn6jFXsXQ>
- History with Dan Snow (free for 30-days)
<https://tv.historyhit.com/signup/package>
- Talk to your child. This link outlines some useful ideas of how to approach the current crisis with your children. The film isn't that great but the numbered points may be really useful:
- <https://www.unicef.org.au/blog/news-and-insights/march-2020/how-to-talk-to-your-children-about-coronavirus>
- <https://www.tes.com/teaching-resource/covid-19-wellbeing-day-38-coronavirus-c-19wellbeingchallenge-12274021>

Next home learning resources:

Reception: ongoing on Tapestry

Class 1 – next refresher Tuesday 14th April

Class 2 – next refresher Tuesday 14th April

Class 3 – next refresher Tuesday 14th April

*And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?
Hast thou learned the poem?*

Finally...learning is play, play is learning.

Just Playing

When I am building in the block area,

Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."

For, you see, I'm learning as I play: about balance and shapes.

Who knows? I may be an architect someday.

When I am getting all dressed up, setting the table, caring for the babies,

Don't get the idea I'm, "Just Playing."

For, you see, I am learning as I play:

I may be a mother or a father someday.

When you see me up to my elbows in paint, or standing at an easel,

Or moulding and shaping in the clay,

Please don't let me hear you say, "He's Just Playing,"

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I am expressing myself and being creative.

I may be an artist or an inventor someday.

When you see me in a chair "reading" to an imaginary audience,

Please don't laugh and think I'm "Just Playing."

For you see, I'm learning as I play.

I may be a teacher someday.

**When you see me combing the bushes for bugs, or packing my pockets with
choice things I find,**

Don't pass it off as "Just Playing."

For you see, I'm learning as I play.

I may be a scientist someday.

When you see me engrossed in a puzzle or some plaything at my school,

Please don't feel the time is wasted in "Play."

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to solve problems and concentrate.

I maybe in business someday.

When you see me cooking and tasting foods,

Please don't think because I enjoy it, it is "Just Playing."

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to follow directions and see differences,

I may be a cook someday.

When you see me learning to skip, hop, run, and move my body,

Please don't say I'm "Just Playing."

For, you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning how my body works.

I may be a doctor, nurse or an athlete someday.

When you ask me what I've done at school today, and I say, "I Just Played,"

Please don't misunderstand me,

For you see, I'm learning as I play.

I'm learning to enjoy and be successful in my work,

I'm preparing for tomorrow.

Today, I am a child and my work IS play.

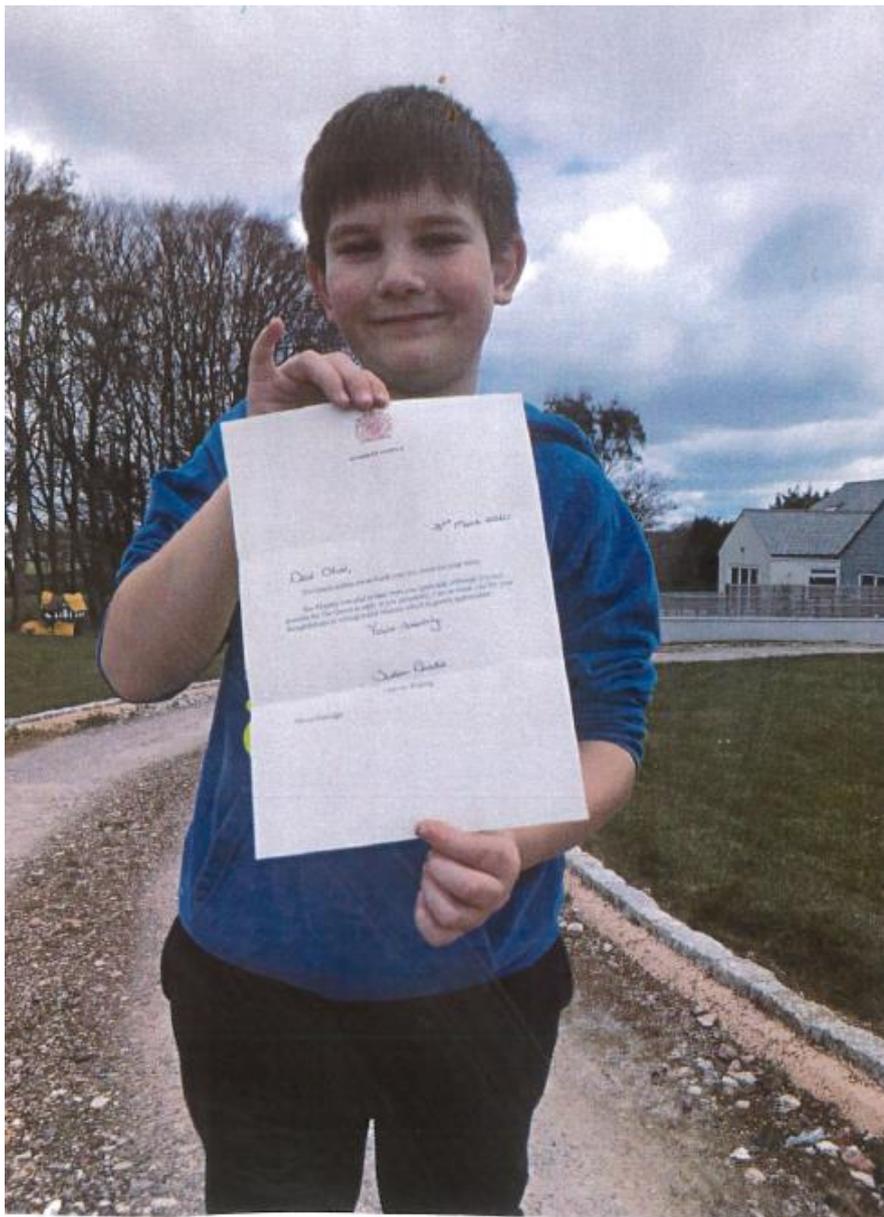
**ANY GOOD RESOURCES? SEND THEM TO US AND
WE WILL SHARE WITH ALL PARENTS:**

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STAY SAFE AND WELL.

Class 3 News

Oliver wished to share his delight at receiving a response to his letter.





WINDSOR CASTLE

31st March 2020

Dear Oliver,

The Queen wishes me to thank you very much for your letter.

Her Majesty was glad to hear from you again and, although it is not possible for The Queen to reply to you personally, I am to thank you for your thoughtfulness in writing to Her Majesty which is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Susan Rhodes

Lady-in-Waiting

Oliver Partridge

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Visual Timetable for home

 <p>breakfast</p>	 <p>brush teeth</p>	 <p>computer</p>
 <p>cooking</p>	 <p>dinner</p>	 <p>get up</p>

East Allington PTFa bring you....

AN EASTER RAFFLE

1st Prize Large Easter Hamper

2nd Prize Medium Easter Hamper

3rd Prize Small Easter Hamper

To include Easter Dinner, Gin, Chocolate, Crafts, Smellies, Vouchers, and much more!

The draw will take place on Easter Monday 13th April '20

Just £1 a ticket

Please see Kelly Barons for your tickets, go to the school office or email eaptfa@gmail.com

