

Weekly News

I'm sure you will have heard the announcement last Sunday about schools re-opening to Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. You should by now have received a letter asking you to complete a short survey to indicate whether your child is likely to be returning on 1st June if they are in one of these year groups. I will collate this, and other information and share my proposal with you next week.

Home learning will continue for the other year groups as we try and support children the best way we can. Seeing all your efforts is the highlight of our day.

Congratulations to everyone that has been awarded a Passion, Pride or Progress certificate each week as well – tough competition! Well done for all your continued efforts – keep up the hard work! One more week until half term!

Book of Hopes

This is completely free for all children and families. It is a collection of short stories, poems, essays and pictures has contributions from more than 110 children's writers and illustrators, including Lauren Child, Anthony Horowitz, Axel Scheffler, Francesca Simon and Jacqueline Wilson. I have only read a few bits but thought it was beautiful and might make some nice bedtime reading with your children.

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/family-zone/g-12/book-hopes/>

Anxiety

Children may be experiencing lots of anxiety and worry at the moment. Below are some links to some useful websites and information on how to support your children if they are struggling with anxiety.

<https://kidshealth.org/en/parents/anxiety-disorders.html>

<https://childmind.org/article/how-anxiety-leads-to-disruptive-behavior/>

https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/sites/default/files/anxious_child.pdf

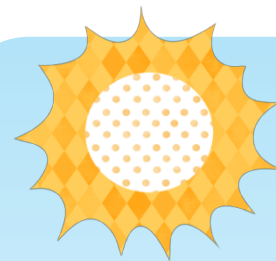
Witnesham Provision

Some children have been attending Witnesham during the school closure. They have been completing tasks on Google Classrooms as well as enrichment activities. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank everyone for using this provision sensibly – only as and when it is needed. I also want to say a huge thank you to our fantastic and dedicated team who have continued to support these children.

The Great Realisation – A bedtime story

Although times may be challenging at the moment, there are lots of benefits and things to be thankful for. This is a beautiful video clip that might make you smile.

<https://youtu.be/Nw5KQMXDiM4>



Awards

Reception Jack (O) Pride

Ella (W) Passion

Year 1 Imogen (W) Pride

Year 2 Phoebe (O) Pride

Year 3 Lily (W) Progress

Year 4 Cruz (W) Pride

Year 5 Jo (O) Pride

Year 6 Eloise (W) Pride

Dates

8th May Bank holiday – Witnesham will be closed

25th May Bank holiday – Witnesham will be closed

25th May Half Term Week – no Google Classroom, Witnesham open

30th June New intake parents information evening

9th July New intake stay and play morning

9th July Reports sent home

10th July Move up day

PASSION + PRIDE = PROGRESS