

Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

With the announcement of the government shutting schools for ‘the foreseeable future’, please find within this letter and attached to this, some suggested activities and resources to maintain your child’s education as part of an initial Learning Pack.

Should the situation continue after the Easter holidays, we will be in touch to provide more work/ guidance. For now, the children can enjoy working through the booklets we have printed in their own time. Please continue practising their reading book and embrace any opportunities for writing whether in their home learning journal or through making cards, making up stories etc.

In RE, Devas had just started a topic on the Easter Story looking at why Christians celebrate Easter. You may wish to share the Easter story with your children from a children’s bible, and/or look at some of the resources available for the EYFS age range on Twinkl.

We feel that is important that children keep physically active the best they can for positive impact on healthy minds also. The children in Devas will enjoy ‘Joe Wicks’ 5 minute workout’; there are many YouTube videos with these on!

Useful Links

Here are some further useful links that may help in engaging the children, I would advise you to follow their interests when making choices about which activities to do:

EYFS

www.raisingdragons.com
www.topmarks.co.uk
www.k12reader.com
www.oxfordowl.co.uk/forhome
www.family.co/blog/inspiration/10-creative-early-years-maths-activities/
www.family.co/blog/inspiration/10-eyfs-literacy-activities-to-make-development-more-fun/
www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebie/shows/numberblocks
www.phonicsplay.co.uk/freeindex.htm
www.phonicsbloom.com/
www.letters-and-sounds.com/

Many online learning platforms are currently making their resources available to parents free of charge. One such site is Twinkl with whom you can subscribe for one month’s access free of charge at; www.twinkl.co.uk/offer using the code: CVDTWINKLHELPS

However, please note that we hold the welfare and mental wellbeing of the children above academia and we leave the amount of work/home-schooling to your discretion.

It is not statutory that all work is completed.

We are dedicated to meeting your children's educational needs wherever they are when school reopens.

The coming weeks will undoubtedly be challenging for us all and our priority must be to keep ourselves and those around us safe and well. Children are incredibly resilient, but many will be feeling anxious about the changes to their routine and aware of the tension and uncertainty in the adults around them.

We can support our children in a number of ways;

- Reassuring them that they do not need to worry and that everyone is working to keep them safe
- Teaching them about hand washing, the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' routine and the things that they can do to keep themselves safe
- Providing them with a structure to their day while they are not at school
- Making time in each day to spend some quality time with our children; playing a game, baking a cake or going for a walk

We appreciate that every family will be different and what works for one will not necessarily work for another. However, please find below a suggested schedule that you could use should you wish to. It works very well for the Devas age group.

COVID-19 DAILY SCHEDULE

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Before 9:00am	Wake up	Eat breakfast, make your bed, get dressed, put PJ's in laundry
9:00-10:00	Morning walk	Family walk with the dog Yoga if it's raining
10:00-11:00	Academic time	NO ELECTRONICS Sudoku books, flash cards, study guide, Journal
11:00-12:00	Creative time	Legos, magnatiles, drawing, crafting, play music, cook or bake, etc
12:00	Lunch	
12:30PM	Chore time	A- wipe all kitchen table and chairs. B - wipe all door handles, light switches, and desk tops. C - Wipe both bathrooms - sinks and toilets
1:00-2:30	Quiet time	Reading, puzzles, nap
2:30-4:00	Academic time	ELECTRONICS OK Ipad games, Prodigy, Educational show
4:00-5:00	Afternoon fresh air	Bikes, Walk the dog, play outside
5:00-6:00	Dinner	
6:00-8:00	Free TV time	Kid showers x3
8:00	Bedtime	All kids
9:00PM	Bedtime	All kids who follow the daily schedule & don't fight

We have been moved by Devas' resilience and maturity throughout these difficult times. Your children are a credit to you all and we will miss them terribly in the coming weeks.

Please rest assured we will continue to support you and the children's learning in the best way we can. We will be in touch as these uncharted waters become clearer.

Our heartfelt thanks for your continued support. Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Pilcher (Devas class teacher)