

# NEWSLETTER

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## Dates for your Diary

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> February 2021

**SPRING HALF TERM - No School**

Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY CLOSURE  
FOR PUPILS**

Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**

Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**PUPILS RETURN TO SCHOOL  
FOR THE SUMMER TERM**

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

**BANK HOLIDAY - NO  
SCHOOL**

31<sup>st</sup> May - 4<sup>th</sup> June 2021

**SUMMER HALF TERM - No  
School**

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021

**END OF TERM - EARLY  
CLOSURE FOR PUPILS**

Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

**STAFF INSET DAY**



## A Message from Sandy

This week I want to start my message with a huge thank you to you - our parents and carers.

Coronavirus has placed additional pressures onto all of us and things are not easy at the moment for anyone.

Anxieties are high, the mental health and well-being of so many has been affected; some are facing hardship and all through no fault of our own.

It is therefore so wonderful to see how so many of you are embracing remote learning and encouraging your child to continue their education in the best possible way.

From providing equipment, overseeing zoom sessions, encouraging your child to complete their work and activities - just generally being there to facilitate their learning.

I will close by saying enjoy your weekend. Take a break from 'school work' and do something you enjoy - a walk in the park, a cup of coffee in a quiet place on your own, just take a little time out.

*Sandy*

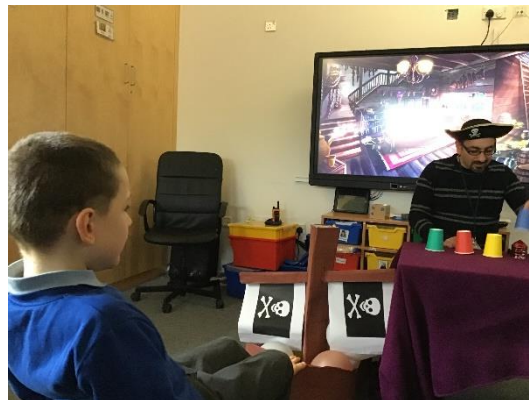
## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT THE LINK?

Unfortunately at the primary school this week we had to lockdown two of our bubbles (Maple and Oak) due to staff members testing positive. Our thanks to those parents who were so supportive and understanding when they were informed of this the evening before. We really are working on a day to day basis at present. Please can we remind you that children can present with different symptoms to adults - they may develop a cough, a cold, upset stomach, headache or a rash. Please be mindful of this and perhaps err on the side of caution more so than you would normally do.

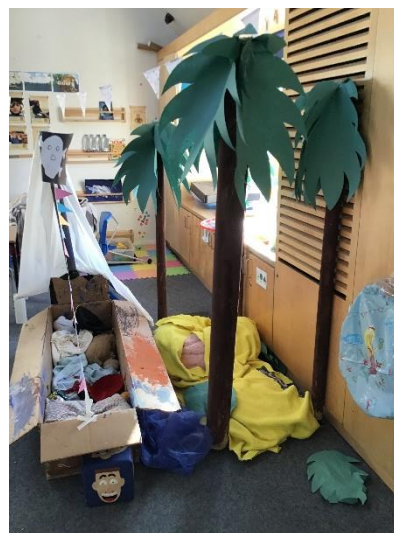
Willow and Beech Class work is continuing on the theme of 'Pirates' and there is lots of work going on, both at school and at home along this theme.



Willow Class are now the proud owners of a treasure chest, beautifully made by Valentina, who took such care on her design. Her patience and fine motor skills were brought to the fore and now she happily shares the chest for class activities.



As always, our staff team are keen to bring the topic alive and we're not short of a pirate or two amongst the staff!



Beech Class have been concentrating more on 'Islands' this week. As we are very strict on our bubbles, we thought we would give everyone a bird's eye view of their own island which has emerged in

class. Led by Olha, they have cut, painted, glued and created a wonderful area in which to work on their topic.



Acorn have been working on their pre-writing skills. Who knew learning to write could be so messy, but so much fun!



Meanwhile, those learning remotely have been busy as well!



It's nice to hear that Liam is keeping fit and healthy by having a daily walk with his Mum and brother. Liam wanted to say hello to everyone.





Ryan from the secondary school has combined Maths and DT when he made a chocolate cake with his Mum. Weighing, measuring and cooking! What a brilliant way to learn and we bet the end result was tasty too!

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND AND ABOUT?

We have always appreciated the local community around our schools and are proud to be an active part of it.

Last week, a Community Food Hub was set up in Beddington.

The brainchild of local residents and business owners, Katie and Isabelle Travers, who have turned their hair salon (HS2 Hair and Beauty, 3 The Broadway) currently closed due to C-19 into a donation based food hub for local families in need.

Over 4 hours last weekend, they had an overwhelming response from local people donating to the hub and they are now reaching out to all the

local schools to see if any families could benefit.

No proof of circumstance is needed. This hub is for any family who could be struggling in general, be experiencing covid-related issues or may just require a one-off box to help out.

Food packages / boxes consist of non-perishable food, toiletries, baby items, washing and cleaning products etc.



Do contact Katie or Isabelle on 020-8681-1164 if you need a little help, or if you are able to donate.

## AND FINALLY .....

Macmillan Cancer Support got in touch with Sue R this week to thank us for our donation from this year's fundraiser. But do you know ... since our first Coffee Morning many year ago, between us we have raised over **£2,350** to support this cause. What a wonderful thought to take with us into the weekend.