

## News from The Executive Head's Desk

Well here we are at the end of Spring Term 2020 and it has certainly been a different one. We started the New Year off with lots of plans for performances, Shakespeare trails, author weeks and more. What we have ended with is a community, a country and a world that have come together in solidarity and hope.

I want to say a huge thank you not only to everyone on the frontline but also to all of you who have engaged with us throughout the past two weeks and sent us photos, videos, drawings, brilliant ways to learn and wonderful messages.

I also want to say a massive thank you to all of my staff who have been caring for our keyworker children in school and for those who are working from home who continue to engage with all of our children and parents daily. Teachers and teaching assistants are becoming increasingly more creative as the days go by. I have seen some excellent videos of them modelling lessons, adding soundbites to powerpoints and daily story readings to name some of the things they are putting together. The office staff have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that finance is up to date and that they respond regularly to your communications and you wouldn't know they are doing it all from home. There have been no gaps in the system. The caretaker and cleaners are making sure the school is spotless and secure. So thank you.

For the next two weeks it is the Easter holidays but school remains open for our keyworker children. We do want you to have a break from the internet and not worry about home-schooling for now. Spend time gardening (if you can), baking, playing board games and chatting. If the meteorologists are correct we are in for some lovely sunshine. I do hope so because my poor garden is sadly neglected and I am hoping to get out there. I am definitely a fair weather gardener and maybe I'll get some seeds planted in the greenhouse.

On Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April teachers will have new online learning ready for you on your e-schools. Can I please remind everyone to access class pages you do need to login with your child's details not your parent one? If you can't remember it then please email us and we can reset it.

*Piglet noticed that even though he had a Very Small Heart, it could hold a rather large amount of Gratitude."*

Have a good Easter and stay safe.

Mrs Humphriss

## Useful websites for home learning

- ★ <http://www.robiddulph.com/draw-with-rob>—illustrators Rob Biddulph is uploading videos on how to draw different pictures.
- ★ <https://collins.co.uk/> - a selection of free e-books to download and read.
- ★ <https://www.edinburghzoo.org.uk/> - see what all the animals are getting up to by watching the live video camera.
- ★ <https://sendsupported.com/resource-type/things-to-do/>
- ★ SEND Supported have a weekly newsletter that have links to different activities to complete with your child:

## Warwickshire School Health and Wellbeing Services

**The school health and wellbeing team can be contacted in the following ways if support and advice is needed:**

- Parents/carers can call the service on **03300 245 204** or text Parentline on **07520 619 376**.
- Young people aged 11-19 can text ChatHealth on **07507 331 525** (see attached for ChatHealth poster).
- These services are available Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm.

Our service webpage contains useful information for children, young people and their families and will be updated with the latest information and advice from our service: <https://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-school-health-wellbeing-service/>

Support and information is also available from the Family Information Service (FIS) - <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis>

- ✓ shop for basic necessities, pick up medicine, travel to work when you absolutely cannot work from home and exercise once a day – alone or with members of your household.
- ✗ Do not meet others, even friends or family.

# Spot Light on Home Learning



Ila (Otters) has been busy creating beautiful rainbow pictures to cheer up her street.

William (Otters) has enjoyed designing his own blue dragon



Ruby (Foxes) made a lovely sculpture inspired by Barbara Hepworth



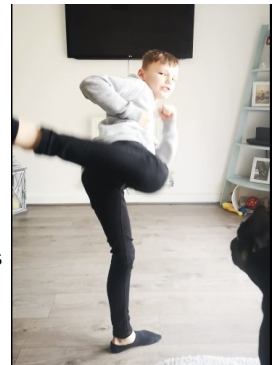
Stuart (Butterflies) has been practising his baking skills.



The children at school have been busy doing their E-school learning as well as creating courses for a BeeBot to follow, building dens in Forest School, decorating biscuits and creating artwork to hang in the windows.



Ciaran (Owls) sent in a video of him displaying his amazing karate skills



## Activity to do over the Easter holiday



Nightingale Hospital London has invited children to share their rainbow pictures so they can put them on display in the hospital to brighten the hospital and create a feeling of hope.



If you would like to contribute, create a rainbow picture, take a photo of it and upload to [#RainbowsForNightingale](#). Please do not post anything to the hospital.

## Spot Light on Easter Bonnets

Here are some lovely examples of Easter bonnet hats, thank you for sending your

pictures in.

