

Churchfields' Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3 April 2020

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you are keeping safe and well in this most challenging time.

Churchfields staff have been working hard behind the scenes over the previous several weeks to ensure parents/carers are provided with the resources they need to keep their children's brains active whilst at home. The school's aim is to support our families by recognising the need to balance children's learning with the many other responsibilities of parents/carers. We hope you feel this has been achieved.

After the Easter break, we will be distributing further home learning packs to every class in preparation for the start of term five, Monday 20th April. Teachers will remain in contact with families to continue offering their support although this will be reduced now the new system is well underway. Please do continue to use the class email addresses to share examples of your children's work and ask any questions as staff are very happy to help.

I would like to share some key sources of information you may find useful over the upcoming Easter break:

Government WhatsApp service

A new GOV.UK WhatsApp Coronavirus Information Service has now been launched. The purpose of this product is to combat the spread of misinformation propagated through WhatsApp on an official Government channel. To use the service, members of the public simply add +44 7860 064422 to their contacts and send a WhatsApp message saying "Hi".

DfE coronavirus helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education and children's social care. Parents and young people can contact this helpline on 0800 046 8687

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday), 10am to 4pm (Saturday to Sunday)

Wiltshire Council Newsletter

Wiltshire Council are providing regular updates to all their residents to keep everyone informed on the latest guidance and advice. It is easy to [sign up](#) to have a copy of The Wiltshire Newsletter.

Also attached is a Children's Guide to Coronavirus from the Children's Commissioner. You may find this a helpful aid in any topical discussions you may have with your children.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole Churchfields' community for their commitment in keeping the education and well-being of our pupils at the forefront of all we do in these unprecedented times. On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish our families an enjoyable Easter break. We hope you find joy in the aspects of life we often take for granted.

Kind regards,

Simon Fitcher.