



Chacewater C.P. School



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Dear Parents,

I do hope this newsletter finds you all safe and well. I did hope that I would have more information to share with you today about when and how schools would potentially reopen but as yet we still do not have any news. As mentioned in previous newsletters, as soon as I hear anything I will let you know.

Thank you for all your continued hard work supporting your children with their home learning. I have attached some other resources you may find useful during this time. To ensure that your children feel in touch with school, each Monday teachers will be posting a video message to stay in touch - we hope you enjoy them! In addition, next week there will be no specific home learning for Friday as this was a "bank holiday" - but there will be some suggestions as to things to do linked to the bank holiday VE celebration. If you can just touch base with your class teacher once a week via email that would be great so we can check you are all ok. Also, Miss. Dyer and Lauren will be posting some special music and dance lessons in the next week or so - watch out for a text message with information.

When we eventually return to school, I would like to celebrate the children's achievements during lockdown. Already we have some great work to share but if you have any photos we could display, please share these with Miss. Ivey - civey@chacewaterschool.co.uk

We have received confirmation that this year schools will not be required to send in any assessments for children. This means that there will be no Year 6 SATS test, no official phonics test, no Year 4 multiplication check, no EYFS assessment and no Year 2 official assessments. As you are aware, at the end of each year we send out reports. This year we have decided to do it based on the two terms children were in school - we will be sharing these with you the week before half term! In the report we will comment on the progress children were making before we broke for the epidemic. Hopefully you will find these useful.

As mentioned a few weeks ago, Mrs. Law returns to work today. We are so looking forward to her being back. Mrs. Nesbitt will continue in her SENDCO role.

Stay safe and well, Best wishes - Mr Gould

Free School Meals - please remember that if your circumstances have changed (even temporarily) your child may be entitled to Free School meals. During the lockdown period this will come in the form of supermarket vouchers totalling £15 per week, per child. If you think you may qualify, please go to this link-

www.cornwall.gov.uk/schoolmeals

Year 6 Parents - we are working hard to link in with your children's secondary school to support transition. We are passing on all key information - as there are no SATS this year we are supporting Secondary schools with teacher assessments.

School camp - is obviously cancelled. We are currently working through how to reimburse parents for what they have paid already. The school will ensure parents are refunded but please bear with us and we will resolve this as soon as possible. As you can imagine we are in discussions with our insurers!

Key workers - a reminder that if you are a key worker we are still open to support you. Please email me head@chacewaterschool.co.uk if you have any queries.

The following websites have been brought to our attention and may be helpful to parents currently home-schooling.

<https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/poetry-for-children/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/news/katherine-rundell-launches-the-book-of-hopes-a-free-childrens-book-by-over-110-authors-and-illustrators/>

<https://www.theguardian.com/books/2020/apr/25/reasons-to-be-cheerful-poetry-and-stories-to-give-hope-to-adults-and-children-alike>

Anthony Horowitz to share writing process for new *Diamond Brothers* novel online for kids in lockdown

<https://www.anthoniyorowitz.com/news/story/where-seagulls-dare-diamond-brothers-read-the-first-chapter-now>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/>

https://education.rspca.org.uk/home-resources?qclid=EAlalQobChMIz73Rt5X36AIVWe3tCh25QgzeEAAYASAAEqJjTvD_BwE