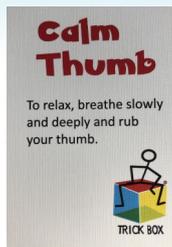




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**Development Days 2019-20:**  
Monday 1st June 2020  
Tuesday 2nd June 2020  
Wednesday 3rd June 2020  
Thursday 4th June 2020  
Friday 5th June 2020



**Week two and the end of the Spring term;** an end of a Spring term like no other and one that I hope we never have to experience again! However, there have been lots of fantastic positives over the last week with so many **wonderful pictures and learning being shared** of the activities being completed at home. There have been some amazing and creative ideas that are helping families find their routines and new norms, I have loved the snack box ideas and the snack shop set up especially as this will help with developing money skills. I have seen super baking, making and building but I am slightly worried that no one will want to come back to school! Just a reassuring reminder, that we are only suggesting two hours of learning a day and families can only do what they can but any learning will be a positive. It must have felt a little overwhelming the first week with lots of information coming to you, but I do think this will settle as we all get into our new routines. I do know the staff are also finding it a little overwhelming teaching and learning in this new way, so Easter has come at a perfect time for everybody to have some down time.

I do have to **thank all the families** who have made arrangements over the Easter period which has enabled the school to be able to close during this period. We really appreciate it but I am also aware with the changing circumstances around Covid-19 that some of our NHS workers may be called in to support the rise in predicted cases. If this happens, and you need help, then please email me on my school email [Caroline.Sice@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk](mailto:Caroline.Sice@lanesendpri.iow.sch.uk) and I can see what I can do to help and support. It is not as though I am going away anytime soon!

**Today, we have sent out our Easter activity learning grids.** These are just to help you with different ideas over the next two weeks. They are full of lovely ideas and I hope you enjoy them. I have had one photo of a wonderful Easter bonnet. **Remember, that if you send in photos of your bonnets, cakes, gardens and decorated eggs you just may be a winner of an Amazon voucher.** It is just a shame that we are unable to taste some of your creations!



Our first Easter Bonnet entry from Millie Smith. Well done! We look forward to receiving lots more entries to our Easter competition in the coming days to be entered.

**I too, have been baking this week,** bringing in a cake a day for the staff in school. Today's offering is a coffee cake. I have been looking forward to a coffee and cake this morning. My favourite!



You will have seen in the media that the government have put in place food vouchers for **Free School Meals in school.** However, many of the media reports have not fully explained the eligibility for the vouchers. These vouchers are only available if catering providers are not able to produce a meal and they are only available during term time. We are not eligible at the moment as Caterlink are still providing free school packed lunches for the time being. **During the Easter break,** these are not going to be available and unfortunately neither are the vouchers. However we are contacting the food bank and other charities for support for our families. If you do feel that you require this extra support then please call Andrea Flux at the school and she will do her very best to help. I am sorry this is not more positive news but we will resume Free School Meals after the Easter break on Monday 20th April 2020.

**Yesterday,** I posted a giant egg that was laid by one of our chickens and although it was posted on April's Fools Day it really was not an April Fool! I took it home for ham, eggs and chips last night for my tea! It had a double yolk and tasted delicious. The animals in school have all been taken home to be cared for at different homes. Except for the chickens, who we will continue to look after during the Easter break. Daisy also continues to come into school and we are continuing her training as best we can. She is however, missing all the children and keeps escaping to try and go find them!



Our school dog, Daisy has been on a mission to find all the children. She is really missing all their faces as are all the staff.

**This week in school,** we have been looking at Semordnilaps. These are words and phrases that still make sense when read backward, like a palindrome, but possess a different meaning. The word Semordnilap was coined because it is palindromes spelt backward! Some examples, include 'stressed' which spells 'desserts' backward and 'replayed' which spells 'diaper' backward. Can you think of some more?

**As we come to the end of the Spring term we also come to the end of thinking about effort.** The effort that everybody has shown in managing the current situation has been incredible. We continue to need effort to make sure that we get up every day and continue our learning, reading, listening, dancing to music, playing games, contacting our friends and family and continue sharing hope. What we all have to show at the moment is a little time and patience which is our quote of the day. This is also going to be our focus for the Summer term when we return after Easter. (Secretly, I am thinking it will be twelve weeks and we will all be back together after the May half term).

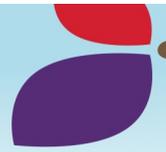
**“The two most powerful warriors are patience and time.”**

Keep in touch, enjoy many Easter eggs and this unusual time together, which we may have thought how lovely it would be to spend more time together.

*Caroline Sice, Headteacher*



# FOR YOU



Here are this week's rainbow creations that have been sent in to us. Please keep sending any rainbows you make. They really do brighten up our days, windows and our Newsletter!

