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Friday 5th June 2020



Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.

It is so lovely to be back in school and to see the children and catch up with families. I do hope that you had a relaxing Easter break and managed to take some time to adjust and reflect on the current challenges. However, the sun has been a welcomed view in the sky and I hope it has enabled you to be in your gardens and enjoy some time outside. It was actually really nice to go for a little walk around where I live and look at all the immaculate gardens that were all really beautiful. I do know that Team Lanesend really appreciated some down time too and time with their families as well, so thank you for supporting us during the Easter period. I really enjoyed seeing all the Easter cakes, hats and gardens that were sent into school. I am pleased to announced that the winners and runners up for the three categories are as follows:

Easter Bonnet Winner is **Ashleigh Cox**, Easter Bonnets Runners up are **Amelia Owens** and **Ruby Waters**. Easter Cake Winner is **Demi McBride** and the Easter Cake Runners up are **Millie Smith** and **Aurora Taylor**. Easter Garden Winner is **Fletcher Rydings** and Easter Garden Runners Up are **Carys Coltman** and **Jacob Venables**. Well done to all of you. Each of the winners and runners up will receive an Amazon gift voucher which I hope that you can use to buy more craft ideas for the coming weeks.

I hope that you have all received the **home learning that was sent out last Thursday**. I am really impressed with how the teachers have embraced this and created a format that I feel works extremely well for the school (I have shared it with my friends on the mainland who were also really impressed and have adopted the format too). I am also enjoying the activities the staff are sending out on a daily basis and they are keeping me entertained as well. Do not forget we are suggesting two hours learning at home each day as we feel this is manageable for families who also have to continue to work at home too. **This week, The BBC and Oak National Academy have both launched home learning**. I feel the Oak National Academy is worth a look as they have produced video lessons for every year group, for every day and the children can be watch these independently too. Please do have a look as they really are worth it. I also want to share a letter that was also shared on national television and on social media that I thought really helped support our families at this time.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

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Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

With love,
All the teachers on planet Earth

This week we distributed our first food hampers for children entitled to Free School Meals. I have been asked about the lunch vouchers from the government but unfortunately we are not eligible. This is because it stipulates that we can only issue the vouchers if our catering providers are unable to continue to cook. Our kitchen is still open. If families are unable to collect the hampers we do have the manpower to deliver so unfortunately we are not in a position to fulfil the criteria to be able to issue vouchers to families. However, if this changes in the future and our kitchen is unable to provide lunches then we will apply. I have three examples here that the kitchen have prepared; a scrummy cheese omelette and homemade chips, cheesy wedges and baked beans and tomato pasta with cheese.

You can also make a range of egg dishes, boiled eggs, scrambled, poached or fried (I do like a fried egg sandwich with tomato sauce!), egg sandwiches and jacket potatoes with beans and cheese. The possibilities are endless! I have just remembered eggy bread too which I also love! I have asked the kitchen to put together a few simple recipes for families to try. Next weeks hampers are going to include some pasta, jacket potatoes, passata, ham, cheese, milk and oranges. Please also remember that we can offer food bank vouchers at school, just give us a call if you need any.



We are also currently trying to find the best platform to do some video contact with the children in classes and once we have this set up we will send out an email to you telling you how and when. I imagine it will be lovely for the teachers to see the children too. In the meantime, we will carry on with the phone calls. I do know that the teachers, children and families are really appreciating this time and it is lovely to hear that the children are getting more confident on the telephone and sharing their learning activities at home.

Whilst we are in school we are planning for the children's return and what this may look like, especially if social distancing is still in place. But we are also planning for September. As a school, the Trustees have tried to maintain the school classes and for some years now we have been able to do this. For September, we are looking at different ways we can also maintain this moving forward with a shrinking budget. I will be emailing some year groups with a survey monkey with some of the ideas that may help moving forward. As for classes for next year, Teachers in school still have until 31st May 2020 to resign and it will not be until after this date that I can confirm classes and teachers for next year. This is usually around the second week of June. I intend to be able to do this again for this year but at the same time making sure that we are supporting the children and we are able to move forward from this current situation.

Tomorrow, I will do an end of week message and a 'how the world began' story and on Monday I will do our next assembly focus on patience on School Story. I am also developing my patience during this time and understanding what it truly means to be patient.



I have had a lovely idea that we could have a **Fashion Parade Day**, where the children and families could dress up at home and send photographs in. I thought **Friday 1st May 2020** would be a great day to do this and we could be as resourceful as possible and only use what is available in our cupboards and wardrobes already.

Even though the days are different, they are passing quicker than I imagined they would. **Happy St George's Day!**

Caroline Sice, Headteacher





FOR YOU

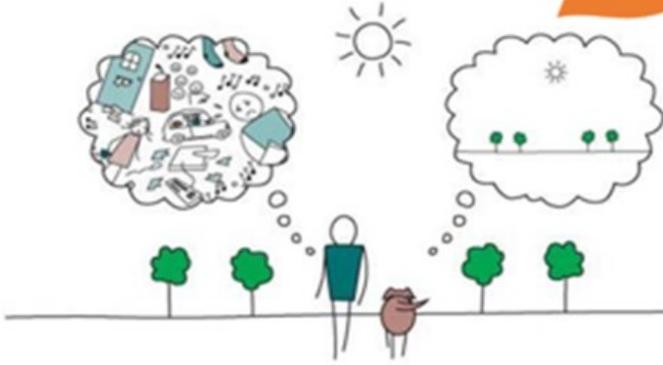
Thank you for sending in all your fantastic Easter bonnets, gardens, cakes and creations. They were all truly wonderful!



Happy Easter



LANE ZONE



Mind Full, or Mindful?

*Tune into the quiet and calm,
turn down the busy and give
this week's activity a go...*

Draw your own **Circle of Control** for these times...

You can control what is inside the circle and whatever is outside simply cannot be controlled by you .



What is in your **control** right now?

There are still things you can manage & be responsible for.
Focus on these things together.

THE **BIG** **NIGHT** **IN**

Thursday 23rd April 2020 7pm

