



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers,

I want to thank and congratulate our school children, staff and families for being so resilient and adaptable this week! Whilst we begin to grapple with this new, and rather strange reality school are keen to provide as much continuity and support as possible to you all.

We very much hope that all parents have been able to access the learning being provided through the school website. It is our intention that through the Learning Menus that staff are hard at work producing, you will have enough learning material to support your children through this challenging time. We have provided a full and comprehensive list of websites and the welearn platform, to supplement the tasks set on the Menus. If you still have difficulties accessing this, please do inform me on [ellison.d@welearn355.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn355.com). Keep checking the website and this will be continually added to.

Class teachers are routinely contacting parents via a telephone call to check how you are all getting on. We will endeavour to keep this contact going on a fortnightly basis for as long as the schools are closed. This will provide an opportunity to discuss any issues relating to learning with them. Please inform them if you are having any technical difficulties or if you do not have internet/computer access at home. Myself and Mr Hitchins will also be in touch with families to check on their welfare, and to see if any further assistance is required.

For enquiries and issues that are not related to your children's learning or any general enquiries, please use my head teacher email address, [ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com) during the school day or the school telephone number. **Please could I request that teachers are not emailed directly.** If the content of your enquiries require the teacher's involvement, then I will ensure that they are made aware. I am keen for my staff to be able to maintain their work commitments, and balance this with the care for their own families. I am therefore mindful that I want to shield them from feeling overwhelmed with messages.

It is also worth adding that we have disabled children's school email addresses. This is to prevent any issues which may arise from them contacting their teachers directly, or being tempted to message one another. We are mindful that all 'welearn' content is closely monitored by Warwickshire ICT Services, and don't want children to use this platform socially.

The school is open daily for Key Worker children, where there is absolutely no alternative and safer care options than the children being in school. We urge parents to remember that home remains the safest place for our children and families where this is at all possible, as this allows the guidance on social distance to be maintained. We will support if necessary, but also need to ensure that the safety of our staff is considered with equal importance. May I take this opportunity to thank our amazing teachers, all other front-line COVID-19 responders and NHS staff for their dedication and willingness to give so selflessly for the sake of others - God bless you all!

Provision has been made for the families who access Free School Meals for welfare purposes. This provision is being offered in the form of vouchers, which will have been sent via email. A detailed letter has also been sent to the relevant parents about this. If you have any difficulties, please contact me on [ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com).

The school is also liaising with the local Food Bank. We thank Jacqui Suffen and Sue Curran from St Margaret's Church for making up food parcels for our families, which school delivered this week. We will endeavour to keep this support going for those of you in need.

We want to thank our agency partners this week for being so willing to support pupils with their own learning. Fit4 Schools have provided a comprehensive list of activities and links to add to our Class Pages. Penny Marshall has provided lots of Martial Arts videos for our children to access. Bayleaf have also added their first cookery video for children to watch and follow. We are very keen to maintain our relationship with these wonderful people, so that we can hit the ground running with great learning enrichment experiences as soon as we return to school again. Thanks again to you all!

Please stay safe, adhere to the guidance given by the government to help keep our school and local community safe. We miss you all tremendously, but want you to know that we are here for you!

With love and best wishes. Mrs Ellison, Headteacher.

# Look how busy you have been this week!

## The Ward Family



Lily and Phoebe both enjoyed colouring these work sheets (on Facebook page Paper Dolls By Cory), cutting them out and then playing dress up with them. Several other Disney Princesses along with Aladdin too.

Alaya has challenged herself to carry out the 'Couch to 5k' run, her first run/walk went very well. She walked for 5mins (fast stroll) - Run for 2minutes - 5 min walk. The next day she walked just under 4 miles and we went on a rainbow hunt. We found 35 rainbows in windows.

Alaya did some fun science with water, washing up liquid, straws and string!



#weareunited #allinthisogether #wecanbeatthis #staystrong #whitnashprimaryschool #rainbow.

Tyler has been enjoying choosing some activities from the school website. He drew what he wanted to be when he grew up and said "I want to be a police man and they eat lots of doughnuts, catch bad people and help people". We've also been practicing our writing with water outside. He has been helping his daddy clean up the garden.

Tyler has worked really hard making number flash cards and he did very well at working out the double of each number.



Beautiful work done this week by Evie







This is what Cassie and her owl from the bedtime box from Pine Class have been up to this week .



After seeing a post online we thought we would give this one a go with the times tables.

Alfie has completed them for his 2,3,5 and 10 times tables and it made the learning a bit more fun for him!



We have been doing exercise and independent reading (big achievement for Evan). Evan has completed a couple of his home learning tasks. We have been building with lego, playing with squishy clay and discussing textures. Lots of time in the garden. Making cards for grandparents and helping around the house.



Mrs Ford has been baking for the first time in years with Isaac and April-Grace.



Here are some of things Arun has been up to this week.



Kaiyan wanted to be just like his teachers Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Riddell! So he is teaching his little sisters.



Kaiyan completing his Elmer colouring puzzle while at home!







Cerys has been working super hard putting together a tea party for her dolls today! She has made the decorations and invitations, baked cookies and built a den most of which she's done independently as Mummy has been working!



Ewan has been learning German numbers this week

Day 1 of Whitnash Player's Academy of Learning! We've done colouring with singing, and now onto English.



Ewan and Florence have been busy baking cookies, den building and doing homework

- Ewan has been doing some

flash card maths and Florence has been doing an animal fact file.



Home schooling is going well so far, Jacques has started to teach himself 'Stairway to Heaven' this evening



This is what Ben has done so far this week from the learning menu. We were really proud of his story board that he spent lots of time on and really enjoyed doing.



Well done to Everyone  
Keep sending them in!