



# Newsletter



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Dear Parents / Carers

We hope you managed to enjoy the Easter sunshine! It was a joy to see the video messages teachers sent out to you all, and the sunny Whitnash Weekend Wiggle dances! Please join us this week again to help lift everyone's spirits and send our love to our school community.

This week we are launching a special tribute and joining a campaign to raise awareness for a group of unsung heroes. Like so many NHS workers, the staff at the local Shakespeare Hospice are working so selflessly to protect so many patients suffering from COVID-19. They too are working wrapped in PPE making work conditions so unpleasant and challenging and being unable to offer the close comfort they normally provide for family members. The hospice is struggling to raise donations to keep the hospice nurses going out in the community and helping people. They are not part of the NHS, but they are getting inundated with requests from the NHS to help with more people coming out of hospital needing community care. Almost all their funding comes from donations. Donations have fallen off a cliff because people are not fundraising. They are looking at doing a social media campaign that we can help with.



If you would like to take part, please paint garden pebbles with rainbows and a purple heart (purple is the hospices' colour). The campaign to raise awareness encourages us leave these pebbles about their local area to show support for nurses and the hospice. You can then photograph your pebble and email it to [ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com) and I will forward these onto those organising the social media campaign. If you photograph yourselves in the picture, please be aware that this will be used for marketing purposes that are not linked to school. By doing so therefore, we will assume you are happy for the image to be used for this purpose. If you would like to make a monetary donation to the hospice, you can visit their website where there is a link to making a donation [www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk](http://www.theshakespearehospice.org.uk).

We hope you and your families are all safe and well. We know that for many of you, the uncertainty at this challenging time is difficult. This is why we want you to all know that the school is here for you all. If you have any issues which you feel we can help with, please email [ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com) or contact the main school office.

**Free School Meal Vouchers:** This week we have changed to the centrally funded national voucher scheme. The vouchers have been ordered for this week and you should receive them sometime this week. As this is, again, a new system there may be a few teething problems. We will keep you up to date if there are any main issues. We thank you for your patience. **If you feel you are entitled to Free School Meals, and are not receiving a food vouchers, or have not applied in the past but feel you may be entitled then please let us know. We will be able to support you with this process.**

We are also working closely with the Food Bank through St Margaret's Church, so if you feel that this would support your family at this difficult time, please let us know.

The teachers are continuing to make their fortnightly phone calls to check on the children's well-being and how they are getting on with their school work.

Please feel free to let them know if you require any support. The school website [www.whitnashprimaryschool.com](http://www.whitnashprimaryschool.com) is the best source of information regarding your children's learning and we will endeavour to ensure new learning is provided for all children through their class pages.



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### Message from the headteacher continued ...

The full list of educational websites is also available here, along with the links to Accelerated Reader and the welearn platform and Purple Mash. We hope that you are all able to access this information with relative ease. If you have any issues, then please let us know.

I want to remind you that Cleo Barnes, a trained counsellor and child psychologist who works with our school is offering her support to you all at this difficult time. If your children are struggling with their emotions, or presenting any challenging behaviours, Cleo can offer her advice and support (Space2Parent). I know many of you have already met with Cleo and found her to be great source of support. You can contact Cleo via the link on our school website

[www.whitnashprimaryschool.com/space2parent](http://www.whitnashprimaryschool.com/space2parent)

Like in the video posted on our website and Facebook this week, we want you all to know that without you all our school is 'just a building', we are missing you all and very much hoping school life will eventually return to normal. In the meantime, we hope you all stay safe and wish you a lovely sunny weekend!

With love and best wishes  
Mrs Ellison - Headteacher



We have teamed up with **Scholastic** to produce and publish our own book of writing—Written by **YOU!**  
The book will be on sale and available to buy.  
(sale details will be published at a later date)

Please send pieces of writing for the book to  
[ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com)

1. Email subject: School Book
2. Attach a typed copy, or clear photo for Mrs Ford to type up.

or

Post/deliver written work to school.

Written work can be any style of writing from any of your class work menus or any piece inspired by something different!

It could be based on:



**Closing date for contributions:  
Monday 1st June 2020**

## Look how busy you have been this week!

Ava working hard with big smiles



Grace has had a busy few weeks doing her home learning, lots of baking including pancakes, muffins and bread, writing her our story with illustrations and has proven useful in the garden by planting lots of vegetable seeds and labelling the pots so we know what's growing inside them.



Eloise has made a robot. He's called Robert and he's our isolation companion!



Zaynah is proudly showing her volcano she made but never had the chance to bring it to school to show everyone.







Jacques and Amélie have been busy decorating their Cherry tree for Easter.



Madison drew this on a neighbour's path as she is a nurse.

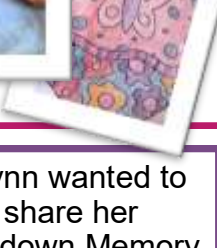


Madison and her Easter bonnet

### Science: Planting seeds



Maria has been working very hard.



Erynn wanted to share her lockdown Memory T-shirt that she has done from one of her school tops.

This is an amazing way of capturing how we feel about what is going on, with a bit of art.





Alaya has been learning to play the keyboard and has picked it up very well. Very proud of her using both hands too!



She has also done lots of arts and crafts over the Easter break.

### Symmetrical Easter Egg



### Tie Dye Fun



Love Heart Family Tree – Made with recycled materials, old boxes, bottle tops, lids, lolly pop sticks, old beads ribbon and ceramic heart is from an old candle!

At the bottom of the love heart is a bottle top with a tree on it!!

Photos of all her family back in Scotland!



William Shakespeare  
by  
Joshua Neal



Rory wanted me to email you as he has been busy today on his daily exercise with his dogs, searching for minibeasts and bugs.



He found a range of different insects.  
Ladybirds  
Woodlouse  
Ants  
Spiders  
Little beetles

His daddy also caught a beautiful butterfly and we learnt that butterfly's are symmetrical and look the same on both sides and usually have spots that look like eyes on each wing, this help make them look bigger and scarier to their predators.

We also learnt about what predators are and different types of predators.



Kaelan made a model of a famous monument in North America.



Sophia has been learning all about the lighthouse. She coloured a picture of the first lighthouse in Britain and one of the first in the world, the lighthouse of Alexandria! She even made her own lighthouse out of Lego blocks.

Anna made a turtle out of Lego and a cage for it. She also put some vegetable tops (onion, potato and carrot) in water to see if they will grow! Anna has also made a bug house that she is proudly showing off!



Well done to Everyone  
Keep sending them in!

## Paint Pebbles

We are asking everyone to paint pebbles with rainbows and purple hearts. Leave them outside in full view for people to see them, to show our support for the NHS and the hospices.



Please take a photo of your painted pebbles and send them to [ellison.d@welearn365.com](mailto:ellison.d@welearn365.com). We will then send them off to Shakespeare Hospice to show we support and care for them.



Lily & Phoebe were very busy over Easter doing lots of activities: painting rabbits, making pizza for dinner using the skills Jennifer at Bayleaf Cookery taught them, Easter crafts and our first experience using Zoom to have an interactive very chocolatey cook along!

