



Oughton Primary & Nursery School

5th June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that everyone is keeping well and healthy and is coping well at this difficult time.

We now have some Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 6 and Key Worker children in school. The children have been arranged in small groups and keep to this 'bubble' within school. We have had between 55 and 60 children in each day. Thank you everyone for following our one way system and staggered times to keep everyone at a safe distance.

The children who have been in school have been absolutely fantastic! They have come into school sensibly and are working hard. They are keeping their distance from each other, as much as possible, they have been well behaved and I understand from a few Parents, they are shattered at the end of the day! So, they are obviously working hard! Work continues to be set for our Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 children and we have been very impressed by what we have seen. Some Parents have been taking photos of work and emailing us to share the great work. Staff are continuing to ring Parents and talking to the children to keep in contact and this gives you an opportunity to have any questions answered.

I have been very impressed with the children who took part in my half term challenges. Well done to **Luca** who has almost completed all of the challenges including 24 hours off technology! **Thomas** and **Matthew** have been playing lots of games, including the memory game, making their own board game, meeting and talking to friends virtually and have kept active with Taekwondo! **Theo** went for a long walk and built a den, played the memory game and monopoly, has kept active practising his skipping and jumping on his bouncy castle! **Finley** has been playing Uno. **Pushy** has been doing lots of reading in Israel. It has been fantastic to see the photos of these children taking part in my challenge. A certificate is on the way to you! Mrs Channa and I went for a walk last Friday and we saw Alfie, Kai and Miss Anderson! Only 3 people seen! It was lovely to chat to these families. I loved the rainbows around Westmill; they are absolutely amazing, what a creative community!

Thank you to Lola and Summer who have written to me this week; it is so lovely to hear from other children.

Shea started a pebble Virus snake in the local community and Mrs Channa and I went to find it last Friday. Sadly, some older people had dismantled it so I phoned Shea and asked if he could make another one for our school grounds. I am delighted to say that he has made a new snake for us and this will be put near the top gate, behind the wall so that the majority of children will pass it when they leave school each day. The children may either paint a pebble at home or in school and add to our Virus the Viper Snake. Miss Hurley's group may make their own snake. We will take photos and put them on the website so the children who are not in school can see.

We still await news for the next stage for schools and other year groups. Please check your ParentMail messages at all times. This is our main method of communication.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Clayton Headteacher

Health and Safety

Please make sure we have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses in school. We need to be able to get hold of Parents, sometimes as a matter of urgency.

If your child or member of your family show any symptoms of Covid 19: high temperature, continuous cough or loss of smell or taste, you will need to ring 111 for advice straight away.

Thank you to a Parent this week who acted fast in the interest of others and tested their family with speed. Results were negative which was great news and family life could continue as normal. It is always best to check. I am so pleased that Parents are considering others and keeping in close touch with us.

E-Safety Update

Please continue to monitor your child when they are using devices. If you have allowed them to use group chats at home, against the age guidance, you need to check their phones. Thank you to those Parents who do check their child's devices.

Remember, gaming should be for short periods of time. Gaming is highly addictive and impacts on sleep as well as mood. Please encourage your child to engage in other activities.

Montage

I hope you enjoyed our staff montage which is on our website. We would like to create an additional one to show the fantastic home learning work which is going on at this time. If you wish for your child to be involved in this, please send in a photo and your permission on an email for this to be added to our website. It would be lovely for us to share this with the other children in school. You will be sent details on this.