



# CTK WEEKLY

## HEADS UPDATE

Thank you for keeping your children at home when you can - this puts less children and adults in contact with each other and hence less danger of spreading the virus. Obviously we are supporting those key workers who have to send their children into school and we are proud to provide this support for those on the front line. At every point though, I am reviewing the health and safety of the children and staff.

### What's going on at school?

Staff are now on a rota. We are down to a maximum of 5 children in at any one time and on most days we only have 2 or 3 children. This means cover is being provided by one teacher and one SLT member with an occasional TA.

Teachers have been setting up communication channels with all parents. EYFS and The Ark are using Tapestry; this is working really well, with all parents now logged in and sending/receiving messages to and from Mrs Hamblin, Mrs Rossall, Mrs Clarke and myself. Years 1—6 have set up ClassDojo to do the same thing. We still need some families to sign up; we will be monitoring the pages to see how we do next week.

If you have not received login invitation email, please contact your class teacher or the admin staff.

Our most vulnerable children are being closely monitored by Mrs Paxton and Mrs Clarke to ensure parents are receiving the support they need.

Those on Free School Meals have all received vouchers that allow them to shop in a range of supermarkets for food and provisions. Please be aware that we have been informed by the Department for Education that some parents have received an email stating:

'As schools will be closing, if you're entitled to free school meals, please send your bank details and we'll make sure you're supported'. **This is a scam email** - do not respond and delete immediately.

### Easter Holidays

The school will close completely over the Easter Holidays. There are no children that require a place during the two weeks and so everyone will isolate in their own homes with their family. This is a normal school break for schools and so children and staff should take a break from work. It is up to your discretion if you would like to continue the routine you have set up with your children. Check out material on the [Generic Resources Page](#) of the school website if you are stuck for ideas.

We are all trying to keep you updated with as much information as possible and will continue with the newsletters on a weekly basis.

Keep safe and keep well.

Chris



## Parents Being Bombarded

No-one is expecting you to be an expert teacher overnight! Teachers train for years to fully understand how to manage workload, challenge for pupils and motivational techniques to inspire them in their learning.

The internet, social media, TV and emails are bombarding parents with a wealth of information at the moment. It's ok to explore all this **BUT** why not take the lead from your teacher?

Get in touch with them and ask about what you should be doing. They are providing work but will be able to help with any questions you have specifically about your child.

Teachers can be contacted by email 8am to 5pm Monday to Friday.

## Week 1 Activities

Our Key Worker children have been busy in school this week. Amongst working on their Learning Packs, they have built dens, taken part in sporting activities, created artistic pieces and helped Miss Whately with the KS2 Library.



## Prayer

FOR MEDICAL STAFF & RESEARCHERS

Gracious God,  
give skill, sympathy and resilience  
to all who are caring for the sick,  
and your wisdom to those researching  
for a cure.

Strengthen them with your Spirit,  
that through their work many will be  
restored to health;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## School Closed for Easter

During the two weeks of the Easter Holidays the school will be completely shut. There are no children that require places and so I am pleased that pupils and staff will be isolating in the safest place—their home..