



*Our vision is to nurture and develop resilient, life-long learners who are caring and responsible, enabling them to achieve their own individual excellence.* 

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## **Newsletter 16**

"It is under the greatest adversity that there exists the greatest potential for doing good, both for oneself and others.



Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that this latest newsletter finds you all well and you have had a good bank holiday weekend. It has been lovely to hear about some of your VE day celebrations. Thankfully, the sun was very kind to us and kept its hat on all day! As is becoming the norm, and in conjunction with our own school newsletter, please find attached our wonderful weekly newsletter created by Ava and Isla.

## Home Learning

Our teachers are working incredibly hard to prepare the latest printed work packs for your children. These will be available from Thursday of this week. Further details will be sent out on parent mail.



# News from Home

As always, many thanks for continuing to send us in your photos and videos showing your home learning. It has been great to see the amazing activities that you have been involved in, including: caring for pet snails and exploring their favourite foods; creating brilliant artwork of Grace Darling and Star Wars and designing inventive bird feeders out of milk bottles. Thanks also for the written work that you have sent in. The quality of the work that you have sent in is fantastic. There have been some excellent balanced arguments and some creative solutions to maths work. I was incredibly proud to hear that one of our pupils, Ella, has been working extremely hard for members of our community. Wanting to raise money for children less fortunate than her, Ella made paper snowflakes which she sold to friends and family (from a safe distance and leaving on doorsteps). She managed to raise a commendable £46 which she will donate to charity. Well done, Ella.

# News from School



Year 2 have been reading lots of books on Epic and have earned their 400 books badge. Books include 'Jessie's Island' which Year 2 used to inspire their writing in April. Well done, Year 2. Keep up the great work.

# NHS Banner

Thank to you all for your brilliant efforts in creating some truly amazing posters to thank our NHS and Key workers. These have been displayed on our school gates for all to see.

## **Government Announcement**

I am sure that you will have watched the Prime Minister's address to the nation last night. At the moment, there is no change to the current guidelines for school provision. As more information regarding a phased return is received, we will update you with changes to procedures in school.

## **Support and Useful Resources**

During the lockdown families are spending much more time together and in these uncertain times emotions can run high and arguments happen more often. Tips for Coping with Family Conflict:

# https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/copin g-family-conflict-during-lockdown

The Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust has collated a valuable online library full of resources which can support professionals, parents, carers and children during the Covid-19 outbreak. Highlights include a family focused COVID-19 Self Care Kit.

#### https://www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/patients -and-parents/coronavirus-resources-forchildren-and-families/

NSPCC Learning also has an extensive library of resources which can help parents, carers and professionals to support children's mental health and wellbeing during the COVID-19 outbreak.

### https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/news/2020/april/ supporting-children-young-people-mentalhealth

As always, please look after yourselves and be kind to yourselves and remember that you can contact us at any time on <u>contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk</u>. We really do love to hear from you!

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