



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 13

“You have within you, right now, everything you need to deal with whatever the world can throw at you”



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope that you had a lovely Easter and managed to relax a little in the beautiful sunshine that we have been having.

Home Learning

Class teachers have been extremely busy over the Easter period preparing some exciting learning activities for the next few weeks. Daily lessons will be available on the online section of our website. In addition to this, new printed packs will be available for collection from school on the morning of Friday 24th April. An email regarding the logistics for collection will be sent later this week. Just to emphasise again, there is absolutely no obligation for both online learning and printed packs to be completed. It is important that you, as a family, find what system works best for you. We appreciate that it is not always possible to access online resources and, on occasion, printed resources are favourable.



News from Home

Many thanks for continuing to send us in your photos and videos of home learning. It was great to see some of you having such fun with science experiments and learning to play instruments.



News from School

Before schools were closed, as part of their topic on life cycles, Year 5 had acquired several fertilised chicken eggs in the hope of hatching some chicks. On Tuesday 7th April, as Mr. Pickin was working through his cleaning rota, he walked past the closed door of the Year 5 classroom. Faintly, but audibly, he heard what he thought was an alarm going off inside. So, he pushed open the door and followed the noise to the sealed incubator which housed the eggs. As he approached, he realised that there was something moving inside. He removed the lid to find three little chicks visible and one hiding under the plastic shelving which had held the eggs. The chicks, (Jeremy, Audrey, Carol and Crystal-Alexandra) are doing well. Many thanks to Mr. Pickin for rescuing the chicks and Mrs Woodcock for giving them a good home. As part of their learning on life cycles in science, Year 5 also purchased tadpoles and butterfly eggs to observe their changes over time. Over the course of the last few weeks, they have developed as expected: the tadpoles are getting bigger and the caterpillars are now butterflies. They are being well looked after by Miss McArdle. Photographs can be found on the *News from Home* section of the website under *Week Commencing 6th April 2020*.



FOE Easter Competition

It has been fabulous to see all of the creative and imaginative designs for our Friends of Excalibur Easter competition. The pictures are available to see on our website under the News from Home section. Winners will be announced on our return to school.

Support and Useful Numbers

Just a reminder that, if you have any worries, concerns or just want to get in touch, school can be contacted at any time of day through our email: contact@excalibur.cheshire.sch.uk

We have also added a section to our website under “Our School” called “Emotional Health and Wellbeing” which has lots of links to useful websites that can support mental health and wellbeing.

Useful Websites

Guidance for parents during school closures can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers#resources-and-support>

In addition to this, there is a range of resources to support home learning:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-online-education-resources/coronavirus-covid-19-list-of-online-education-resources-for-home-education>

Look after yourself and be kind to yourself.

Mrs Jones
Head Teacher