



KIRKHAM & WESHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

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I must once again start with a heartfelt thank you for all your hard work this week. I'm sure that it won't have been an easy task getting your child back into a work based routine after a two week break, so congratulations for sticking with it and surviving! I know the teachers have appreciated your emails and enjoyed seeing what your child has achieved this week.

From the lovely photos that are being shared on our website and facebook page, it is clear that many of you are also using this 'unexpected' time with your children to give them some lovely family experiences and special memories. These are so valuable whether it is playing board games, baking, being creative or appreciating the wonderful nature around us.

The class teachers will be emailing work for this coming week. We are conscious that our families are dealing with different circumstances and challenges; some trying to support lots of children, some trying to work from home at the same time too, some parents wanting lots of work and some wanting less! Therefore, please don't feel that everything has to be completed. We will also, where possible, try to offer an alternative option where less input is required from parents. However, we do ask that you endeavour to ensure that, as a minimum, all children complete the following on a daily basis:

- reading/comprehension ~ Reading Plus for Y4-6 or Bug Club all other year groups (please email if you need a password)
- mental maths eg Hit the button (all years) or TTS, Numbershed, Numbots, Carol Vorderman etc.
- spelling practise from their year's spelling list included in the Homework diary.

This will help to ensure they are ready to hit the ground running when we are allowed to re-open and if you are busy, your child should be able to complete these activities with minimal input. (Please contact your class teacher if your child is unsure how to log on to Bug Club and Reading Plus.) Special congratulations to all the children in Y5 who have been working very hard on Reading Plus this week and top the chart for the most lessons completed.

Many of you are, I know, facing other worries and challenges too. I have spoken to a number of parents who although furloughed are yet to receive any money. Although we aren't in a position to help financially, we are able to arrange access to emergency food parcels via the Foodbank. If you would like support in this way, please email me or use messenger on the Facebook page. You can also contact them directly on 07592 542 670 . However, they would prefer if possible for the referral to come via school.

Finally, on behalf of all members of our KWPS community, I would like to express our sincere condolences to one of our pupil's Nicole, her mum Collette and her family. Unfortunately Nicole's father, Phillip passed away this week after a long and courageous battle with cancer. Despite being in considerable pain, he was always so positive and will be very much missed by all who knew him. Our thoughts and prayers are with Nicole and her family at this sad time.

As always, if there is anything else that you feel we can do to help or suggestions you may have, please do get in touch via [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) or the messenger link in Facebook.

Please stay safe and thank you for the wonderful support you are giving to your children's learning and the life-long memories you are making with them. We miss you all so very much.

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