

## KWPS ~ YELLOW PAGES 20TH MARCH 2020

### Challenging Times

It is hard to believe how much has changed since I wrote last week's YP which was full of the children's achievements and activities. Unfortunately since then we have seen so many developments which are already impacting on our lives in so many ways.

However, despite the difficulties we've faced this week, I am so proud of the children who have remained positive throughout ~ they really are a credit to you. I am also very grateful to the staff who have ensured that school has kept running smoothly in very trying circumstances. Thank you to parents for their kind words of encouragement and support—it means a lot!

We have had a lovely day in school with our children and said an 'au revoir' to our pupils — hoping that we will be back before the end of the Summer term to finish the academic year and say a proper good-bye to our leavers.

The teachers have provided every child with a pack of activities to complete at home. These are being delivered to the children not in school. We have talked these through with the children emphasising the need to complete the work thoroughly and suggested that it would be useful to build in the key times for learning every day so that a routine is in place.

We have uploaded the front page of each pack onto our website under the year group then your child can click on the links included for the websites mentioned. More work will be supplied if required after the Easter holidays.

There are lots of lovely ideas being posted on line and we will keep adding these to our website so do keep checking. We are keen to try and keep our school community together and try to stay as positive as possible at this difficult time and so we are setting up an area on our website to share photos of some of your home schooling activities—be that den building or baking a cake! Please email them to [caron.taylor@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:caron.taylor@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk) who will upload them onto our website.

We will continue to communicate with you though this period of closure through emails and texts. It would also be useful if parents could download the schudio app as we are able to send free messages through that. It is freely available in the app store and then you simply select our school and enable notification.

The next few months are undoubtedly going to be difficult and challenging times for us all in different ways and it is important that we work as a community to support each other as much as we can. There has been little communication from the Government to schools and therefore we have relied on the daily announcements and news for information about what is happening in schools - just as you have.

Clearly the decision to close schools is going to provide many challenges. However, it is important that we don't lose sight of why this decision has been made. This is a time of crisis and measures have been put in to place to ultimately to save lives.

Finally, please can I thank you for your continued support during a very difficult time for us all. One of the great strengths of the community here at Kirkham and Wesham is the close relationship between home and school. We need that more than ever in the present climate. My staff are committed to doing all that we can to support the community throughout this unprecedented situation.

If you have any concerns please email me directly at [head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:head@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk). Above all stay safe .