



WEST HADDON PRIMARY SCHOOL

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More Good News

Congratulations goes to Amelie, who has started her hamper raffle venture in order to raise money for the NHS. It is lovely to hear that so many children are channelling their energies to support worthy causes in order to help others during this time of crisis.



COVID19 UPDATE

As many of you will be aware the Government are requesting that schools open their doors again from 1st June for children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

We have been asked to set up 'bubbles' of children which have no more than 15 children in each. The expectation is to keep these bubbles separate throughout the school, to minimise contact with large numbers of people and reduce the opportunity for the virus to spread throughout the community. At present I have not heard of many cases in our village but should one child or adult within the bubble become ill with Covid 19 the whole bubble will need to isolate for 14 days. As you can imagine this system is going to be extremely complicated for our school – we are going to have 8 bubbles in total operating in 8 areas of the school, minimal opportunity to use shared areas of the school.

The Government have released a number of documents for schools so that there is significant guidance for us to follow in order to minimise risks, however, we cannot guarantee that children will always follow strict social distancing procedures, although we will do our level best to keep each child safe. To complicate matters, further information for educational establishments was published at 10pm last night and further changes are likely between now and 1st June.

By the end of next week we are hoping to be able to finalise our numbers and we will communicate our detailed plans to parents.

Family Fun



This some of the family activities are focussing on the value of patience – something I am sure we have all struggled with at some point during this lockdown. Here are some activities which can help us all to develop a little more patience:

- Learn to play Patience with cards.
- Learn a new skill. Try ideas like knitting, calligraphy, tying knots (or shoelaces!) juggling (try scarves to start with).
- Now try the ultimate challenge; teach your new skill to someone else in your family!
- Practise some magic tricks and entertain each other. <https://magicktricksforkids.org/> You could even have a Friday Night Family Magic Show next week!
- Try being still and concentrating on just your breath for one whole minute. Try this once a day every day for the whole week. Does it get any easier? Can you all do this together, or do you need to be alone?

Half Term Break

Some of our staff have worked every day since the beginning of the lockdown so we have taken the decision to close the school to pupils for the week of half term in order for staff to have a break before the re-opening of school on June 1st – I think that next term could be quite challenging! Buzzie Beas is continuing to provide a holiday club should you need key worker childcare and can be contacted on tel: 07591911988. Please also note that teachers will not be setting work over the half term holiday and will not answering emails. Should you need to urgently contact us, please email head@westhaddon.northants-ecl.gov.uk