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29th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope that you and are all as well as can be expected throughout this difficult time. We have all really loved seeing photos and films on Evidence for Learning, via email, Facebook and Twitter and seeing the pupils via Zoom meetings too.

Learning resources

I know that you will have received learning resources from your child's teacher. They will be having conversations with you over the next week to ensure that what is provided suits your needs as a family. We want to get it as 'right' as possible for you and your child(ren). Parents are not expected to 'teach' or 'home school' their children. Do not worry about this, as adding additional pressures and stresses into households during this time is likely to be unhelpful. However, where structure and familiarity helps, do ensure that your child's teacher is giving you what you need to do this. The most important thing is your family's wellbeing.

Resources can be found on our web site; <https://www.ashlea.notts.sch.uk/parent-pupil-resources/>

Sharing on Evidence for Learning is valuable. There are some updates coming online over the next few weeks to improve your ability to share more content. If this is still difficult or tricky for you, do contact the school or your class teacher if you need additional support. There is a wealth of resources online for children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities, many of which are on the school's website.

If you are worried and concerned about anything, reach out to your child's teacher, or any of the senior leaders and we will try and help. All the professionals working with your family should still be there to help.

Children who are currently attending schools are not experiencing what they usually would, this makes things feel very different too. Schools are providing care, routine and places of safety for the children who need it the most. For those staying at home, the expectation is exactly the same.

Thank You from Lord - Lieutenant

On Monday the 20th of April the Lord-Lieutenant of Nottinghamshire, Sir John Peace, launched a major initiative to thank every child and young person in Nottingham and Nottinghamshire, following on from HM The Queen's recent broadcast to the nation with the campaign #ThankOurChildren. He said "We want to recognise the determination, resilience and motivation of children and young people, which is helping the National effort in succeeding together during the coronavirus outbreak." Here's a film of lots of people saying 'thank you' to you for



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doing everything you can to help

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xCbcOhHJAU4#action=share>

Weekly Challenge

The teachers have come up with these challenges for each week until half term. The rainbows were so popular that we wanted something to bring the whole school together, virtually. These are for pupils and staff (should you and your families wish to join in). This will be included into the activities at school too.

Last Week's Challenge was singing, signing, dancing and enjoying; 'Reach for the Stars'. The finished video (beautifully put together by Ms. Keating) can be found on the Ash Lea YouTube Channel or by clicking the link -

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K4mSR8ii_1Q

Friday 1st May International Space Day; can you create a window display for people walking past to enjoy? This might include planets, stars, rockets and astronauts! Please send us a picture we can share with the rest of school.

Free School meals (FSM) vouchers

All pupils who were eligible for FSM (not **Universal Infant FSM** for children in key stage 1, aged 5, 6 and 7 unfortunately) are still entitled to receive them. Those children in school will have a meal in school and those who are at home will receive a voucher to exchange in one of many supermarkets. Initially schools were asked to organise the vouchers but now the government has set up a National Scheme. For all schools this has been very hard as the site is extremely busy and keeps freezing or crashing. Last night Sadie Fletcher did manage to import all the details of our children and set the system up for last week, this week and the week beginning 3rd May. You will receive an email from Edenred (not school) with a redeemable code, which needs to be exchanged for a supermarket voucher of your choice. If you have not received your first code by Thursday 30 April 2020 please email Sadie directly on sadie.fletcher@ashlea.notts.sch.uk who will chase this on your behalf.

Ash Lea YouTube Channel

Our YouTube Channel is proving very popular and we are adding new material. This week we have added more songs that we enjoy from our Wednesday singing / signing / dancing assemblies. They can be found as a whole assembly, or your child can select an individual favourite song.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCOPFVfdr1lvWRRXItkFlw5A/>

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