



SMART MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST FAMILY NEWSLETTER

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LETTER TO PARENTS FROM COLIN LOFTHOUSE, CEO

Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. I hope you find these issues informative and useful to keep in touch with your child's school. There is a lot of confusing speculation on when schools will open up again for more pupils than just those of Key Workers. The Prime Minister is going to make some announcements early next week. Rest assured that the Smart Trust is working with all of the Headteachers to plan how we could return safely.

We will NOT bring pupils or staff back into our schools unless we are satisfied that it will be safe to do so and we will be very clear with you about our decisions and reasons every step of the way.

Please do not expect information about re-opening to come out immediately following the government announcements, as we will take our time with our decision, so you can be confident we will continue to have schools that are safe places for your children (and our amazing staff) to be in together.



ASK A HEADTEACHER

with Elaine Pattison
HT at Kenton Bar

If you had to eat the same dessert every day, what would it be?

Haagen-Daz Baileys ice cream.

What is something you have stopped doing because of the coronavirus?

Going to my local Health Club.

And something you have started doing?

I'm doing the Joe Wicks daily school live workout and going for a walk around the park where I live daily.

Which person from history do you most admire?

Nelson Mandela because he showed perseverance in the face of adversity and didn't give up on something he believed in.

What advice do you have for when I feel scared?

Focus on all of the positive aspects of your life and stay mentally strong by knowing we're all helping each other.



C. A. Lofthouse
CEO Smart MAT

Mr. Lofthouse is
pictured here
with the Smart
Trust dog, Duke!

*From all of our schools,
Take care and stay safe*



Did you know...

News doesn't always have to be worrying and sad! There are plenty of true stories of everyday heroes, big and small, that will help to lift your spirits.

Visit: bit.ly/news_happy

WHAT'S GOING ON IN SCHOOL ANYWAY?



Normally our schools are buzzing with pupils! Things are looking a lot different these days. Some students are still coming to school to keep our community safe, but we can't wait for all of our students and staff to join together again! Your teacher and Headteacher are certainly thinking of you! Here are a few bits and bobs that our school leaders want to share with you!

Top 10 Poems in Lockdown

Submitted by Emma Elliott, HT, Cheviot & Farne

These are so great, they are bound to inspire some creativity in our young writers. See if you can get your mitts on some of these amazing poets:

1. Allan Ahlberg - 'Please Mrs Butler'
2. Michael Rosen- 'Chocolate Cake.'
3. Maya Angelou- 'Life doesn't frighten me'
4. Brian Patten-'The trouble with my sister.'
5. Brian Patten- 'The trouble with my brother.'
6. Roald Dahl- 'The Dentist and the crocodile.'
7. Sue Cowling- 'The Laughter Forecast'
8. Brian Moses- 'Aliens stole my underpants.'
9. Jack Prelutsky- 'Louder than a clap of thunder!'
10. Jack Prelutsky- 'I should have stayed in bed today.'



We are supposed to eat every day, how great would it be to learn to cook whatever you want to eat?! If you are just starting out, ask an adult to teach you how to make beans on toast. If you are a junior sous chef, ask an adult to help you make your own pizza sauce from scratch. Mmmmm pizza!!

The Alpha Do List!

Submitted by Lee Gallon, EHT, Cheviot & Farne

When in the garden this week, I had an idea about how to look forward to the following week and make it interesting, while still in lockdown. The idea is a '**Weekly Alpha Do List!**'

You write the alphabet down from A to Z, with letters underneath one another. You then write next to each letter something to do during the following week, maybe a promise, or an act of kindness, a weekly chore, or simply a bit of time to yourself. For some letters you may need to be creative and use a word with that letter in.

Here is an example:

A Ask someone how they feel and sit and listen. Try to make them smile.

B Be kind to nature – water a plant, grow some flowers, pick up litter from your garden.

C Count in 7s or 8s or even try in 21s...how far can you get up to?

...and later...

X eXercise at least 3 times a day (running up stairs, star jumps)

Y eYe spY – play eye spy with a sibling, or a friend on video chat

Z buZZZZ Do a bee count in your garden or make a bee as a craft project. They are out and about!

Tick off the letters when you have achieved them. Review on Sunday – and write your new Alpha Do List ready for the next week! It's ok to carry over or try again another week.

Good luck – I look forward to seeing your 'Alpha Do Lists' very soon and read all of the interesting things you have been doing!

Togetherness

Submitted by Jayne Evans HT, Kingston Park

'If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember.

You are **Braver** than you **Believe**,
Stronger than you seem
And **Smarter** than you think.

But the most important thing is, even if we're apart I'll always be with you.'

-Winnie the Pooh



Stay Active Challenge

Join us every week for **Mr. Mottram's Tuesday Challenge**. Cheviot Primary School's amazing teacher is going to post a fitness challenge for all to join in. Last week was Keepy-Uppy's using a toilet roll – it was great fun and we can't wait to see what else is in store! To join the challenge, please visit Cheviot's facebook page.

Transition to Secondary

On all of our minds is our fabulous Year 6 cohort who is moving into secondary school next year. We are collaborating with the secondary schools in our area to make transition as smooth as possible for our growing learners. As resources and virtual events become available, we will let our students and their guardians know!