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Message from the Headteacher

Our government has announced yesterday plans to close school to almost all pupils from Friday afternoon – 20th March 2020. This is UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. We have been informed that this year's SATs tests and summer exams will now not go ahead.

The closure will apply to all children, except those of "key workers" and those who are "most vulnerable". If your child receives a Free School Meal, we will be in touch with more information about how we will continue to provide this with support from a scheme just announced by the Government.

This is as much as I know at this point. I would appreciate your continued patience as we all deal with this ever changing situation.

This is a worrying time for everyone. I am sure you will join me in thanking all the staff of Chadsmead who have continued to work through a week of daily upheaval. They have done so with professionalism and duty of care throughout. WE ARE LUCKY TO HAVE THEM. Many of you have already expressed your thanks and that has meant so much to us all.

We wish all children and families well at this time and hope to see you soon.



Social Distancing

IF SOCIAL DISTANCING IS TO WORK – IT IS UP TO US!

STAY away from clubs, pubs, theatres etc. It's tough but we have to do it, for as long as it takes. Don't arrange parties at home, having friends around. That's the advice!

We are being asked to avoid all UNNECESSARY CONTACT. Remember – the government are APPEALING to our sense of PUBLIC DUTY to be RESPONSIBLE, to ACT RESPONSIBLY in order to SAVE LIVES of those around us.

School Signage

We hope you like the new signage that has been changed this week.



Years 1 & 2

This week has been assessment week. The children have been working very hard to show off what they know in Maths, Spelling and Grammar.

In theme, we have continued to be scientists; learning about the life-cycle of a butterfly. They were able to describe each stage using some tricky, impressive scientific vocabulary. Our caterpillars have grown considerably and we expect them to start forming chrysalises in a matter of days.

Years 3 & 4

Well it has been a strange time in school this week. The children have been excellent in their response to what is currently happening across the country.

We have managed to persist with our assessments and thankfully have completed most. This is good news as we now have a clear picture of where the children are academically as they finish the Spring term prematurely. It has been great to see such a positive attitude amongst pupils and their cheery nature has been a privilege to see.

Please check the children's learning pack for activities to do over the next 2 weeks. We will be updating these on a regular basis.

Home learning can be done in the normal maths and English homework books.

We hope we can all return to normality as soon as possible but for now wish you well for the coming weeks!

In2Ed Africa Update

I do hope that you are well and that the sun is shining in lovely Lichfield.

I just wanted to let you know that as from today, all schools across Kenya are to be closed due to the Corona Virus outbreak. This of course includes our school. We will be abiding by government advice, but do hope to open again as soon as it is safe to do so.

In the meantime, our teachers are carrying out some professional development courses/ assignments from home.

(The chickens are being looked after by our caretaker who lives on site, so no worries there!)

Anyway, as things are a bit unusual at the moment, I won't be sending the normal newsletters. However, I will let you know as soon as our doors are open again.

In the meantime, take good care of yourself, your family and everyone in your school.

Love Emma x

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have had an assessment week this week and so have completed a number of tests in maths, reading and VGPS; we have been extremely impressed with the attitude to learning of the majority of our pupils. We have continued with our theme of 'Stargazers' also and have completed work about the Solar System and the astronomer Galileo. Again, thank you to all of our parents that support their children and ensure homework is completed to the expected standard.

Autism Outreach Coffee Morning

The planned coffee meeting at St Michael's on Thursday 26th March has been postponed – a rearranged date will be confirmed.

Message from the Governing Body

Dear Children and School Families, in these unprecedented times when we need to act together and quickly to deal with the developing situation relating to the Coronavirus, please be assured that the well-being of the children and staff is a top priority. Thank you for your support to the staff and Mrs Grainger as they work to do their very best for children and school families at this challenging time and implement government recommendations when they are announced. It is a situation that develops daily and school will continue to update you regularly.

Your support and co-operation for all of their efforts are appreciated.

Best wishes

Iona Chisholm

Chair of Governors



Thank you for all of your kind comments and biscuits during this very difficult and unprecedented time, it is appreciated.

