



Happy Easter holidays everyone.

I am proud to say that Chadsmead has remained open throughout the Easter holiday period, including the bank holidays, to provide much needed childcare facilities to children of key workers. We have also received children from nearby nurseries that have closed.

Another proud moment to share with our community comes in the form of a well done and thank you to Chartwells and Mandy in the kitchen. From the very beginning of school closures we have been able to provide food to our vulnerable families without interruption. You may have seen the debacle surrounding the government voucher scheme in various medias. Many schools have still not been able to make use of this scheme due to processing issues, leaving countless families without the support they need. Not us! From the very beginning we were clear we wanted to support the companies we work with and Chartwells themselves worked tirelessly to arrange deliveries and sort hampers. Mandy and Chadsmead have become a central location in Lichfield for a number of schools, where we make up hampers for families to collect. We are proud of our community spirit during the pandemic. I would love to hear any positive community stories you have, that we could share on Twitter.

Have you seen the video of all the rainbows you sent in to school? It is so lovely – Well done you. ☺ And there were lots of creative ways to show your support. A huge **THANK YOU** to Zoe Heathcote, a parent, who has offered to put together the videos for us. To take a look click on the Keeping in touch videos tab.

Please spend a moment to look at our website. The new learning packs have been added to the home learning tab. These will cover the next 2 weeks. Unfortunately, we have no printed packs of these, however if you are struggling to access the learning provided please use the My Ed app to make contact and we will see how we can best help you.

We have also added some exciting new tabs to the closure section. The first being the Chadsmead Weekly Challenge. Each week we will post a video with a challenge for you to complete. The challenge is based around special days/events in our calendar. They are just for fun, but we would love to see your outcomes. The poster details where to send your pictures.

Likewise, Miss Hathaway, our PE lead, has also added a Let's Get Active tab. This gives weekly events that keep us active. Likewise, the poster details where to send your photos.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the Young Minds website. Youngminds.org.uk. It offers advice if you are struggling with self-isolation, coronavirus and the impact it has on your mental health.

As we enter week 5 of our new normal, I want to remind you that we are all doing our very best in our own situation. It won't be like this forever, but for now we all need to play our part, whether as a key worker or a supporter.