

Long Whatton C of E Primary School

Newsletter 24.04.20



Welcome back to a virtual summer term! I hope you have all managed to have some break and quality family time together over the Easter holidays. I must say that we are missing you all and really can't wait to see you all again soon!

We have a lot planned on Google Classroom this half term to try to give the children some structure and routine. Please do remember that the important thing is that your children are safe and happy during these difficult times as only when the children are emotionally ok are they ready to learn. Please don't put any pressure on yourselves and the children to do work if they are not ready.

I have every confidence in the staff at Long Whatton and I know that we will soon catch up and fill any gaps the children may have quickly so please do not worry. I found a fitting quote online which I felt was so poignant at this time:

Dear Parents,

Don't stress about schoolwork. In September, I will get your children back on track. I am a teacher and that's my superpower. What I can't fix is social-emotional trauma that prevents the brain from learning. So right now, I just need you to share your calm, share your strength, and share your laughter with your children. No kids are ahead. No kids are behind. Your children are exactly where they need to be.

With love,
All the teachers on planet Earth

Google Classroom

Thank you so much for all of your support with your children and completing the work on Google Classroom. We have tried to set a similar timetable for the children as we would follow in school but again please complete the work that your child feels able to on the day and I totally understand that parents are working at the same time as home schooling.

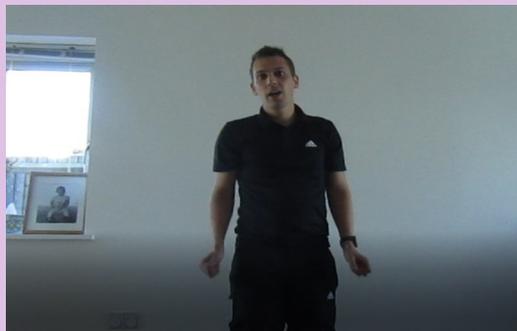
It is so lovely to see the children engaging with the classroom and chatting between each other and their teachers. I think we will have some computing whizzes when we return to school! Don't forget to ask any questions you may have on the classroom and staff will be more than happy to help you. Teachers are managing the classrooms each day and will continue to upload daily from Monday to Friday and respond as quickly as possible. I know the children are enjoying the feedback from the teachers.



What's new on the Google Classroom this half term?

Keeping Fit!

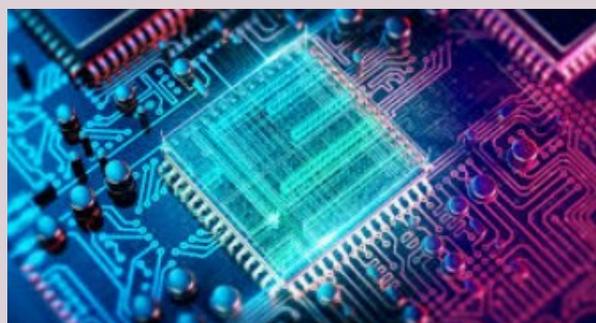
Mr Slaney has now joined the *Google Classroom* and will be adding a PE session on a Friday for the children and adults to join in! This Friday it is a 30 minute circuit session and next Friday is Yoga! Keep those bodies moving!



Computing!

Ms Ella is also adding computing to the *Google* timetable next week. She is going to begin the sessions by reminding the children about online safety for the first sessions.

As you can imagine online safety is even more important with children now being on their computers more than ever. She will then move on over the term to coding sessions for the children.



R.E

Reverend Laretta and her team are also adding to the *Google classroom*. Their sessions will take the place of RE lessons. These will include a reflection and prayer to share at home with an activity. The first one will be available today

Assembly 1 Easter Story

It was early on Sunday morning*. The women were going to where Jesus had been buried. They had spices to make it all smell nice.

But where is the big, heavy stone?
Someone had rolled it away!

The women went inside. They gasped.
"Jesus' body isn't here! It's gone!"



Long Whatton Archive

Over Easter I set a task as I would really like to put together a display in school when we return reflecting what virtual schooling and life has been like for you whilst you have been away. My plan is when the work has been displayed it will be put in a special box in the school archives so that school children in the future will be able to look back and see what life was like for school children in Long Whatton through the time of the virus. We are right now making Long Whatton school history! Please continue to send in any work to the school office and *Google classroom*.

Some of your work may include:

Photographs of your family, daily exercising, completing work or school work

A rainbow created for the NHS

Draw a picture of your family

Collecting newspaper articles that will tell the children of the future what happened

Write your own newspaper article

Create a diary of each day in isolation to explain a typical day at home

There are many more ideas on the *Google classroom*.

Congratulations Assemblies!

I hope you've all been enjoying the congratulations assemblies. I really think it's important for the children to still see us and know that we value all of the work that they have been doing.

We will continue to reward children weekly so that we can continue to motivate the children each week and these will begin again on Friday 1st May.

Please don't forget that you can also email or share on Google classroom a nomination for your child if you think they have demonstrated one of our Long Whatton Way's over the week! Just a reminder of what they are:



Key Worker Children



As well as working on the Google classroom our staff have been providing care for key worker children at Diseworth school on a rota basis.

This week the staff and key worker children have moved to Newcroft Primary School to continue providing care. Again this care is provided by staff on a rota and will mean some days teaching staff may not be able to respond to children's work on Google classroom as quickly as they usually do.

I am as always incredibly proud of our staff for supporting other key workers and I know they are working incredibly hard to still try to provide the best education and support to you as possible in these difficult circumstances.

Stay safe everyone! Enjoy family time in the sunshine together. Stay in touch!

Mrs Gray