

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are coming to the end of our 2nd week in isolation and the end of Term 4.

Before you know it we will be back at school. For now, thank you for being brave and staying home to stay safe and save lives. When we come back things will be better than before, if we stay positive and keep learning. Parents, thank you for being brilliant and working hard. Whatever you have achieved is fantastic! Well done, we know it is not easy! I know we all really appreciate your ongoing support during these different times. Staff are enjoying the communication and messages from you all!

As we approach our Easter Holiday, teachers will not be uploading ideas for daily learning; however staff are still sharing lots of activities and ideas to help you keep busy over the two weeks. There are also some useful links below.

We know, for many, it is useful to have some structure to the days but also we want you, where you can, to see the Easter break as a time for families to relax and do things together less formally. Uploaded learning tasks will resume when we would normally return and we will keep you updated about this. If you need some ideas of daily activities to keep busy in the holiday:-

- A bit of reading every day (independent or to them or via audiobook etc.)
- Some free writing now and then. If they'll keep a diary or something, great. If not, would they draw a comic?
- Practical hands on maths. Be that via cooking, cleaning, potion making outside or some maths games, physical or digital.
- Some fine motor work. Lego challenge, cutting, playdough, tidying up small toys.
- Remember to get physical exercise everyday- gardening, car washing, obstacles courses, Mr Sidebottom's nature detectives
- Some art/music where possible through the week. Get creative
- Challenge- to independently work on a project is great for keeping brains ticking over. Get them researching in a book or online and putting together something to present to you or family. Mrs Brown is learning Italian!
- Lot of imaginative free play and exploring

The National Theatre is offering free school access to the National Theatre Collection. We will send the login details to you. Please do not pass these on to others outside the school as it is a school specific login.

The Natural History Museum is doing virtual tours if you would like to have a look.

The Sussex Wildlife Trust has created a range of activity sheets to help children connect with nature and get wild- Use this link-

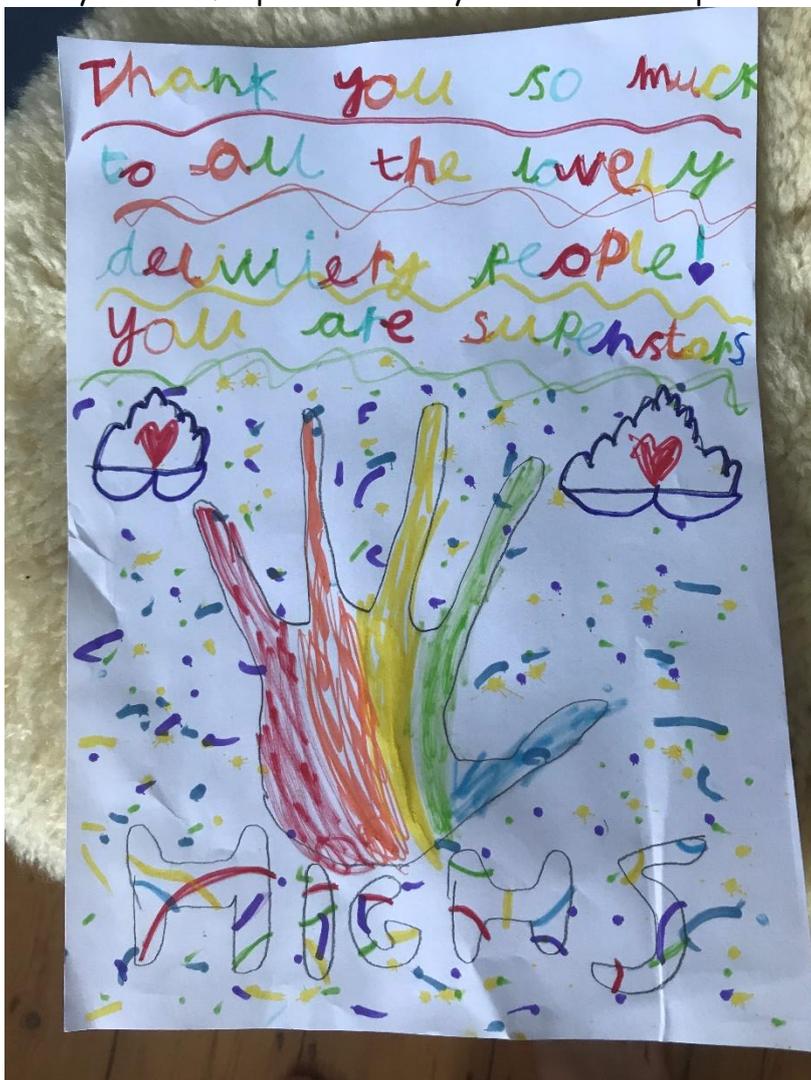
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Dan, Beau's Dad, is running an online singing assembly on Friday. It started off as for just for Firle School but it's had over 1000 views now! It will be at 10am every Friday and is live from his Facebook page. Here is the <https://m.facebook.com/harmonessencechoirsandvoices/>

Keep sharing, keep playing, keep sharing stories and keep talking.

Lovely children remember if you are worried, talk to your family. Listen to the grown-ups at home and remember to be kind to each other. Help around the house and always be the best you can be.

Finally a colourful poster made by Pearl to cheer up our Friday. What a lovely idea!



Wishing you all a very Happy Easter- stay safe and take care. If you have any concerns or questions, the office email will be checked during the holidays. Any safeguarding concerns can be emailed to Mrs Brown using this email- dsl@oaktreefederation.co.uk. This will also be checked daily!

Mrs Rachel West and Mrs Vicki Brown