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NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22nd May

Dear Parents/Carers,

Today sees the end of another week of fantastic home learning for all the children of Landscape. I am extremely proud of how resilient, determined and successful the children are with all their work and how they have risen to the challenges that home learning presents.



SCHOOL BUBBLES

By now you will all be aware of our plans for a phased re-opening in line with government expectations. I have spent the majority of the last week ensuring that I have cross referenced every set of guidelines that we are sent. My Risk Assessment is as up to date as can be, but is a live document that is responsive to latest advice and guidelines given to us by the government, DFE and Devon County. Rest assured that I have dotted every i and crossed every t! (at least 10 times over!)

On 1st June please ensure that only one parent delivers children (Reception, Y1, Y6 & EHCP / key worker's children) and that you are punctual, as my staggered timetable rather relies on this! It will be important to talk to your children about how different this is going to be as you won't be allowed into the school site and we won't be able



Landscape ensures...the keys to unlock the very best of us!

to 'peel' nervous children off you. There will be lots of social distancing markers outside and I ask that you stick to these whilst dropping off and collecting your children.

Please send children in school uniform with water bottles, coats, PE kits and Wild Woodland Learning kit each day. Each group that are in school will spend the day in their bubble, not mixing with other bubbles at all. I have staggered break times, lunch times, use of outside areas, and the Wild Woodland Learning area. Bubbles have also been allocated toilets. These measures will aid our group social distancing.

Mr Tanner will be joining us on Thursdays for PE. He has carefully planned social distanced PE lessons for each year group and will be ensuring he cleans equipment and sanitises before changing groups. Nothing will be left to chance!

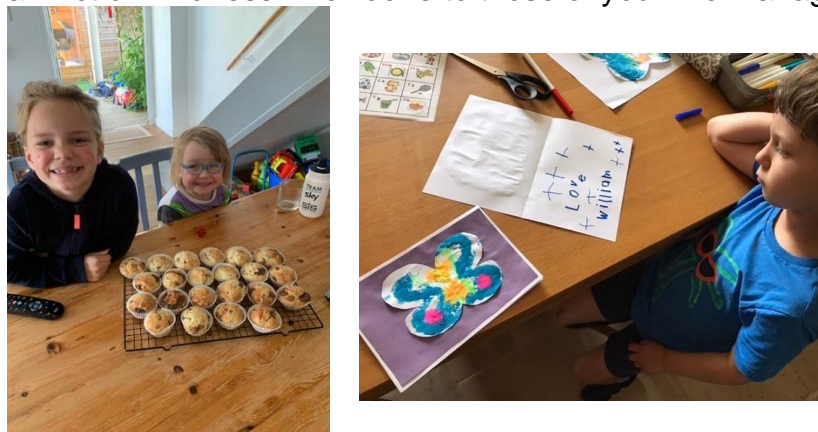
Please do take a look at the appendix to our Positive Behaviour Policy as it will be vital that children maintain appropriate conduct at all times. Not keeping hygiene rules and doing things like spitting will not be tolerated and I will expect full support from parents on such issues.

If you would like your children to have a school dinner can I remind you to follow the school dinner link sent by Amanda earlier this week. I would like to reassure you that the kitchen fully complies with the most up to date COVID19 regulations. School dinners will be eaten in class (Y1, Y6 & EHCP/key worker children). Reception children will eat lunch in the hall. This arrangement will again support group social distancing.

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING *Lucy Field*

This week was Mental Health Awareness Week -Never has this seemed more relevant and important! We just want you to know that Team Landscope continue to be here if you need us to offer support and guidance for you and /or your children! We can signpost you to useful resources & support, or simply chat things through.

The focus of the week was Kindness, with that in mind, we set the children a challenge to carry out an Act of Kindness. Well done to those of you who managed to do this!



Making cakes for neighbours, cards for grandparents...

'A Mindfulness Activity' to encourage children to have positive Mental Health: Reflection Pond.....

1. Sit mindfully with your spine straight and body relaxed. Close your eyes and take three soft, slow, mindful breaths.
2. Imagine you are in a forest with tall trees. You hear the birds chirping in the trees, and squirrels running across fallen leaves on the ground.

3. You are sitting in front of a small pond. The water is still. Look into the pond. See the reflection of the trees in the clear water. What else do you see? Do you see yourself reflected in the water too?

4. Imagine dropping a pebble into the pond. See the ripples in the water.

5. Keep watching, and when the water becomes still again, open your eyes.

6. Look for still water in the pond.

From Mindful Minds by Whitney Stewart and Mina Braun



Thursday 21st May was Ascension Day. Follow the link below to hear our local curate, Laura McAdam, read a midweek prayer:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ndxwA9gauM>

Or you might like to do some family craft:

<https://www.catholicteacherresources.com/arts-and-crafts-the-ascension-of-jesus/>

The value of service appears on our Collective Worship timetable for this week and is particularly relevant at the present time. Many of you will be taking part in the 'clap for carers and keyworkers' on Thursday evenings. We also have a beautiful handprint rainbow attached to our school gate and prayers of thanks in the reflective area.

Anna Neville

I would like to thank you for your continued support and ask if you do have any questions or concerns to contact me via the school email address or phone in ~ I'm here every day and will do my best to answer queries as honestly and openly as I can.

Have a relaxing half term ~ I for one am hoping that the sun shines. I look forward to welcoming back those children who will be joining us on 1st June.

Take care everyone!

Jill Ryder.