

# C of E Primary School

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## NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all staying safe and were able to enjoy the lovely weather that coincided very nicely with half term. A few sun-kissed children and staff have been noted this week!

### SCHOOL BUBBLES

I can hardly believe that we are already in week 8 of our new 'norms' of working. These norms have, of course, already changed with our phased reopening of school for Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children. Your children have been amazing~ great behaviour and school readiness alongside just taking everything in their stride, what fabulous resilience! I am sure that the children attending will tell you just how different life in school is at the moment. Working in 'Bubbles' with children and staff staying separate from the rest of the school each day helps us to meet the rigorous risk assessments and guidelines but ultimately results in a school life that is a little different. We will always do our best to ensure our personal, relationships-based approach in order to help reignite the flame of living together and learning in each child as they return to us; no matter how different it is!



Thank you so much to you, the parents, for being punctual at the beginning and end of days and for taking due care with social distancing. It really has helped us to maintain the staggered timetable and your support with social distancing within the school environment and beyond enables very best levels of safety for children, staff, some of whom have vulnerable family members, and yourselves.

**I have appreciated the support the whole school community has shown and the compassion and understanding you have demonstrated when questioning us about the re-opening of school. As things move forward and more children take up places in school, or if the government ask us to take further year groups we will need to plan carefully how we maintain Bubbles of 15 as per the guidelines. Ultimately this will mean part-time timetables. We will of course keep you informed with regular updates should we need to alter timetables for the children. It is our intention to have as many children as required in school as regularly as possible.**

We will continue to ask Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 parents to complete our weekly online survey regarding attendance at school. This helps us to be fully informed and plan correctly and comprehensively for children's needs and staffing.

### MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING

**'A Mindfulness Activity' to encourage children to have positive Mental Health: Mandalas...**

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Mandalas have been used for meditation in Eastern Cultures for centuries. Circular in shape and usually containing geometric patterns, they are ritualistic symbols of the universe in both Hinduism and Buddhism.

Their often complex and intricate patterns also make them a great mindfulness tool. You can of course, create mandalas with just about anything, but we chose to use items from nature for ours. The natural elements made it a peaceful, grounding experience.

Simply have the children engage their senses as they work. Notice the weight of the stone in their hand. The smell of the leaf or flower. The texture of the shell. The colour of the feather. It's a lovely way to connect with the earth and the environment around you in a mindful way. Enjoy! Please send us any photos of mandalas you make at home.



## PHOTOS FROM THIS WEEK

We enjoy catching up with what's happening at home and this week we're sharing what's happening in school. Some great learning!



Y6 lockdown alphabet

A	Affection	N	NHS
B	Be careful	O	Outside
C	caring	P	pandemic
D	Distancing	Q	queue 2m apart
E	Empathy	R	Rainbow
F	Friends	S	stay home
G	generosity	T	Thank you
H	Hope	U	upbeat
I	Inside	V	virus
J	Joy	W	wash your hands
K	Kindness	X	xercise
L	Life	Y	you should social distance
M	Mental health	Z	zzzzz sleep well

This is definitely not school as we know it, but it's a start and hopefully if we all continue to take care and social distance effectively it might not be too long before Landscope is something like normal again. I certainly hope so as in my very long career of 31 years, I've never known anything quite like it!

If you have any concerns please contact me~ I will, as always, be open and honest, and do my very best for our families.

In the meantime, have a good weekend.

*Jill Ryder.*

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