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# **Strange Times**

This week has been one of the strangest in my 20 year career and I have been faced with decisions that I didn't think I would ever have to think about. However, rather than dwell on all the changes and adversity we are facing, which have already been communicated to you, I thought I would focus on the positives.

My priority is always the children and my focus will immediately shift to them when I am looking for positives. In a world where adults are not demonstrating #bekind, the children at our schools are the shining lights. They are looking out for one another, showing genuine concern when a classmate is absent or sent home. They have also been understanding if their teacher has not been in. We have focused heavily on the idea of our jigsaw and the importance of staying together - even if the pieces are not in the box (school). The responses I have had from children around this image have been brilliant and has given me an immense sense of pride.

I cannot focus on positives without discussing the staff teams at each of our schools. The overwhelming support and flexibility demonstrated over this period has been phenomenal. Everyone has pulled together to ensure that in a world of madness there has been a sense of normality and calm in school - even if we are not feeling it ourselves. The children have been able to carry on with very little disruption. I am not just talking about teachers and teaching assistants. I refer to our Midday Supervisors, cleaners, site management and office staff - all who have been brilliant. It confirms what I knew already, our team in school is amazing and the children are lucky but by the same token we are incredibly lucky to have such fabulous children.

My final thank you is to you as parents - things have changed at a moment's notice and you have been supportive and understanding. We will continue to support our families and communities even if the doors are officially closed. eSchools, email and phone contact will be our lifelines over what could be a tricky period of time.

Stay strong, safe and healthy and we will work together to get through this in the best way we can.

Mrs M Cross

**Executive Headteacher** 



#### **Cross Country Star**

Last Wednesday was the Warwickshire Primary Cross Country Championships:

"I took part in a Cross Country Race and came 46th out of 80 other girls. I got awarded a medal at the end of the race. I enjoyed doing it and I was proud that I got that far." Maisie

#### Sports Relief

Thank you to everybody who came to school dressed as their favourite athlete and raise £137.00 For Sports Relief.



#### **Contact Information**



It is now even more important that we have the correct contact details. Please ensure that you update the school when your contact details change, especially mobile phone numbers! Without this information you will be unable to receive text messages and important reminders!



## How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



























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# **⊗eSch∞ls**

We will be using the message function of eSchools to communicate with parents as well as Twitter and Facebook. There are no push notifications so please check your eschools account regularly.

### Warwickshire School Health & Wellbeing Service

- Parents/carers can call the service on 03300 245 204 or text Parentline on 07520 619 376.
- Young people aged 11-19 can text ChatHealth on 07507 331 525.
- These services are available Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm.
- Our service webpage contains useful information for children, young people and their families and will be updated with the latest information and advice from our service: https://www.compass-uk.org/services/warwickshire-schoolhealth-wellbeing-service/
- Support and information is also available from the Family Information Service (FIS) - https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/fis



Last weeks Postcards Home Peacock = Bailey-James Kingfisher = Reeve Swan = Ellie Owl = Elliott ASwift = RyanHawk = Olivia RFalcon = Roshan





......... Jack & Jill Preschool Before and After School Club Breakfast Club 7.30-8.35am. After School Club 3.00-5.30pm. Monday - Friday, term time only. For more information please contact Jack & Jill Preschool on 01827 899551 (Please note that once a session has been booked you will be charged even if your child does not arrive.)

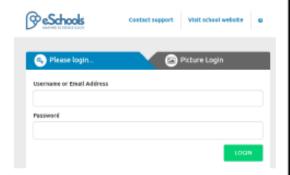


# Eschools Help Page

If the school has to close we will be setting work on eschools each day for the children. There will be a maths and English task set on a daily basis. The tasks could include a class discussion, uploading a writing activity (or you can write it straight onto eschools), a maths quiz, maths games etc.

Your child has been sent home with an exercise book which can be used to complete any work which they are unable to add directly to eschools. In addition to this, they also have passwords for eschools, Purplemash and Timestable Rockstars on the inside cover of their book.

 Type in Dordon eschools into a search engine (please note it must include the school name or else you will be directed to the wrong page).



Once you have logged in (logins are on the inside cover of the book), you will be on your child's Dashboard which shows you what they are currently learning in class. To find the work set by the class teacher click 'My class' on the toolbar at the top.



3. Then click Projects on the left hand side to find the work which has been set by the teacher.



 There will be a variety of activities to click on. Expect to find a maths and English task added in the projects section each day (above is an example of a Year 6 project waiting to be completed).