



Purley Church of England (VC) Primary School

"Let all that you do be done in love" 1 Corinthians 16:14

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Dear parents/carers,

Well that was a very different Easter holiday to what we were expecting. I hope you all managed to do something nice. My planned skiing holiday ended up with us playing winter games on the Wii!



Currently, Purley School is closed to pupils, though we do have children attending the local hub school at Westwood Farm. As well as providing home learning, staff are on the rota at the hub. We have a few parents on standby so our numbers of children of key workers needing childcare remain flexible. The school office email is checked daily. Please get in touch if you need any support that we can help with.



Our Free School Meal provision is provided by ISS, the school caterers. Currently, they are providing food parcels along with some suggested recipes.

Some of you will be facing some very uncertain times financially that you hadn't anticipated. **Click on the link below to check if you qualify for support. This is completely confidential.**

<https://citizen.westberks.gov.uk/article/36469/Apply-for-Free-School-Meals>



ISS have also put together a webpage of foodie themed resources – free and available to anyone interested in using them. The first few tools are now available on the Feeding Hungry Minds website

<https://www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/home-learning-resources/>

Explaining the Coronavirus to children is quite tricky. The following link is to an online book which I would thoroughly recommend.

<https://nosycrow.com/blog/released-today-free-information-book-explaining-coronavirus-children-illustrated-gruffalo-illustrator-axel-scheffler/>

HOW DO YOU CATCH THE CORONAVIRUS?

Because this coronavirus is new, scientists don't know everything about it yet. But they think that there are two main ways that people can catch it.

Coronavirus germs live in people's throats and mouths. When someone who has the coronavirus coughs or sneezes or breathes out, the germs come out of their mouth in tiny drops of water.





I would like to give a big thank you to our Facebook administrators (Thank you FOPS!). There are some lovely ideas appearing on the thread.

If you have never had time to check our website, now is a good time to have a trawl. There is a lot of information there that you can access. www.purleyprimaryschool.co.uk



Reading the above paragraph, I am sure that some of you are think, "Does she think I have more time to check the website?" I am aware that some of you are still holding down jobs, working from home at the same time as having your children needing attention.

Remember, all you can do is your best. There is a light at the end of the tunnel, even if we don't know how long the tunnel is at this moment.

Maths – Have you and your children had disagreements regarding methods in calculating maths? On our website, under the curriculum tab, there are documents showing calculation techniques!

How do you think your children will remember this period in their lives?

Mrs Pickering found this article which I would like to share with you.

A conversation between a child and their Grandad in 2095...

Child - How old are you Grandad?

Grandad - I'm 81 Kid.

Child - So does that mean you were alive during the Coronavirus?

Grandad - Yes kid I was.

Child - Wow. That must have been horrible Grandad. We were learning about that at school this week.

They told us about how all the schools had closed. And mums and dads couldn't go to work so didn't have as much money to do nice things. They said thaty u weren't allowed to go and visit your friends and family and couldn't go out anywhere. They told us that the shops ran out of lots of things so you didn't have much bread, and flour, and toilet roll 'child giggles'. They said that summer holidays were cancelled. And they told us about all those thousands of people that got very poorly and who died. They explained about the NHS and how hard all the doctors and nurses and all NHS workers worked, and that lots of them died too.



That must have been so horrible Grandad.

Grandad - Well kid, that is all correct. And I know that because I read about it when I was older. But to tell you the truth I remember it differently...

I remember playing in the garden for hours with mum and dad and having picnics outside and lots of bbqs. I remember making things with my Dad and baking with my Mum. I remember making dens with my little brother and teaching him how to do hand stands and back flips. I remember having quality time with my family. I remember mum's favourite words becoming 'Hey, I've got an idea...' Rather than 'Maybe later or tomorrow I'm a bit busy'. I remember making our own bread and pastry. I remember having film nights 3 or 4 times a week instead of just one.

It was a horrible time for lots of people you are right. But I remember it differently.



Remember how our children will remember these times. Be in control of the memories they are creating right now, so that through all the awful headlines and emotional stories for so many that they will come to read in future years, they can remember the happy times.

Father, we seek Your wisdom daily. Be with people making decisions that affect the lives and futures of our families and communities.

Help us to have the courage to adjust to everyone being home as businesses and schools close.

Let us show love not only to the people we are living with but to others who we contact via technology, who may be feeling very isolated.

Help children find creative ways to experience the beauty of all You have created and continue learning.

God, as more people get sick, renew the energy of our health care workers. Bring Your protection upon them.

Lord, help us to face each day living in hope, that soon we will be out in the summer sunshine again, enjoying ourselves with our families and friends.

Amen



Mrs Fakes