

*Small school, big heart,
aiming high together*



Sutton News

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Headteacher's Message

Here we are at the end of the spring term, not quite in the way we envisaged it, but nonetheless we are here. It has been a lovely week in school with our key worker children. This week they have focused on the topic of Africa and have enjoyed researching the country, completing different art and craft activities linked with the continent, and finishing the week off watching the Lion King.

It has also been lovely to receive updates from the children at home and hear how they are getting along. I feel it is really important to keep these links open and celebrate our strong school community. Please send me photos or pieces of work that you would like me to share on social media.

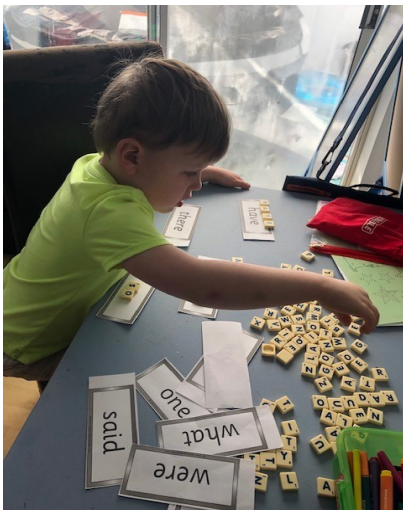
I hope everybody has been managing to keep active and make the most of the dry weather this week. My eldest son George and I have been completing some live online fitness sessions this week with his athletics coach. I have been completely exhausted after each session, but it makes me feel better about indulging in some treats in the evening!

School will remain open during the Easter holidays for key worker children but we aim to make these two weeks as much fun as possible for the children and try to keep away from doing any school work. I suggest the same for the children at home. Please enjoy this time together as a family - it's not often that we have this opportunity to just chill out together without any ties.

Below is a Twinkl link for some Easter activities and crafts but, as I'm sure you are aware, there are stacks of ideas online too:

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk/resources/festivals-celebrations-and-events-parents/festivals-and-cultural-celebrations-festivals-celebrations-and-events-parents/parents-craft-activities-easter>

Wishing all of you a restful Easter break - stay safe and sending love to all of our families.



This is Wilson. He is now working from home 😊



Staying safe online

During these times of social distancing, it's really important to still feel connected to others. This is vital for our sense of wellbeing and good mental health. Children are likely to miss their friends and the opportunity to chat to someone that isn't a grown-up, someone that they can have a giggle with and be silly with for a while.

A way to support this could be to schedule in some video calls with friends (for example, using apps such as WhatsApp video calls, Facetime, Skype, Zoom, etc). These interactions can be valuable for maintaining that all important feeling of connection.

Please be mindful of internet safety when using any online apps and ensure that children are safely supervised whilst chatting online. If you would like more information around staying safe online, these resources may be helpful:

Thinkyouknow (<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>) - advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online

Internet matters (<https://www.internetmatters.org>) - support for parents and carers to keep children safe online

Parent info (<https://parentinfo.org>) - support for parents and carers to keep children safe online

Net-aware (<https://www.net-aware.org.uk>) - support for parents and carers from the NSPCC. This site provides guidance on specific apps and things to consider if using them



Highly recommended: Countryside Classroom

This is a fabulous website with resources for all ages to connect young people to food, farming and the natural environment: <https://www.countrysideclassroom.org.uk/> Enjoy!

