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#### CORONAVIRUS - COVID 19 UPDATE

You may be aware of the latest announcements from the Government that from Monday, schools, colleges and early years' settings have been instructed to close indefinitely to everyone except children of key workers and vulnerable children, as part of the country's ongoing response to coronavirus. We are well



prepared for supporting children to learn from home via Tapestry or Google Classroom.

We need to ascertain how many children are children of key workers - NHS employees/police/ emergency services/delivery drivers (more guidance on key workers is expected today). Please email admin@wormleyprimary.co.uk as soon as possible if you are a key worker and intend to send your child into school from Monday. This will help us to plan provision for your children. You will most likely need to send your child in with a packed lunch. We will be seeking further guidance about children who are entitled to free school meals. We may be able to offer a meal here at school or the government have talked about vouchers.

Children can only attend school if they are well and their families are symptom-free.

#### SELF-ISOLATION

Please see below the latest guidance from Public Health England regarding staying at home and selfisolating:

- if you live with others and you or one of them have symptoms of coronavirus, then all household • members must stay at home and not leave the house for 14 days. The 14-day period starts from the day when the first person in the house became ill
- it is likely that people living within a household will infect each other or be infected already. Staying at home for 14 days will greatly reduce the overall amount of infection the household could pass on to others in the community
- for anyone in the household who starts displaying symptoms, they need to stay at home for 7 days from when the symptoms appeared, regardless of what day they are on in the original 14 day isolation period
- if you can, move any vulnerable individuals (such as the elderly and those with underlying health conditions) out of your home, to stay with friends or family for the duration of the home isolation period
- if you cannot move vulnerable people out of your home, stay away from them as much as possible
- if you have coronavirus symptoms:
  - do not go to a GP surgery, pharmacy or hospital
  - you do not need to contact 111 to tell them you're staying at home
  - testing for coronavirus is not needed if you're staying at home
- if you feel you cannot cope with your symptoms at home, or your condition gets worse, or your symptoms do not get better after 7 days, then use the NHS 111 online coronavirus service. If you do not have internet access, call NHS 111. For a medical emergency dial 999

MESSY CHURCH

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel Messy Church next Tuesday. Hopefully, our next one will be on the **28<sup>th</sup> April**.



#### MOTHERS DAY SERVICE

Unfortunately, we have had to cancel our choir's performance at the Mothering Day Service at St Laurence Church.





SCIENCE WEEK We had a fizz fantastic, explosive and big bang Science Week!

Our Science learning centred around the chemistry and physics in the story of George's Marvellous Medicine

The week began with a visit from a real Scientist who taught us all about chemical reactions!



Then the children had workshops to make their own chemical reactions. This included making *sherbert* and *snot!* Children investigated lots of different

chemical reactions using many every day products in our lives.

It was wonderful to see so many children excited by science and the natural world.







WORLD BOOK DAY

We enjoyed another fabulous World Book Day. As part of the day, all the classes enjoyed a 'swap around' so children could read with mixed age buddies and some classes had a book swap!





We will be extending the **Reading Challenge** whilst we are not at school. Please make sure the children are reading and recording their reading in their reading records. The sets of family cinema tickets are waiting to be won once cinemas open again.

So much learning and pleasure can be gained from books: fiction and non-fiction. The children really do love to be read a story.



#### EVOLUTION AND ADAPTATION



Children in Y5 and Y6 were treated to an amazing and informative workshop today where they learned about a range of insects, reptiles, amphibians, arachnids and mammals. They learnt how these creatures had adapted over time so that they might survive in their habitats.

Did you know? **Chameleons** possess a host of physical adaptations which help them survive. Their hooded heads help

them collect water in the form of dew and to also impress mates. Swivelling eyes help them pinpoint fast-moving prey. Colour-changing skin helps them blend in, stand out to potential mates and intimidate rivals





Many children were very brave, handling the creatures – tarantulas, chameleons, snakes, etc.

#### SECONDARY TRANSFER

Our Year 6 children have been allocated their Secondary School places. This year nearly all of our children secured a place from their choices of schools. NATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Children in Y6 will no longer be sitting their SATs exams during the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> May. There will be no assessment for Y2 children. Y1 Phonic Screening will no longer take place.

#### UPDATE PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please ensure we have your up to date information: phone numbers, email addresses, home addresses

etc.

Please email any updates. This will allow us to keep in touch with you.



STAY IN TOUCH

We have a school APP, Twitter and Facebook account.

Register to receive our regular posts,

**@wormleyprimary** (for Twitter) and find us on Facebook through



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### SENDING YOU ALL AN EASTER BLESSING

These are difficult and unprecedented times. I know that many of you may be feeling anxious. Please know that you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

Please look after one another. As the rushing stops and you are home with family, take time to appreciate one another, dig deep and cultivate 'mental toughness'.

Get up out of bed when you want to stay there, plan your day even though it's a struggle to find enough to do, be patient when you have really had enough, be kind even if you feel angry inside and give to others even when you don't have enough for yourself.

List all the things you can control (hygiene, staying connected to others,

attitude).

Read together, talk together, enjoy one another.

Over Easter, eat chocolate, sing, dance, pray.

We will miss you - stay safe.

We wish you a peaceful Easter.

God bless our key workers.



For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control. Timothy 2:1-7