



9th May 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope you are all safe and well. Well done for making it through another week. We are now moving in to week 8 of lockdown and so it is very easy for one day to drift into another. I'm sure that some of you, like me find yourself asking the question, 'What day is it?' Sometimes to my family, more often than not to myself!

It was good to have the VE Day Bank Holiday as a point of focus and reflection and at the end of last week, as it was a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made during World War II, over six years and beyond. After just 7 weeks of lockdown, we must hope, that by keeping to the guidance issued by the government, we will not have to endure lockdown for much more prolonged period of time. As the Queen said in her speech 'Do not despair!'

We have all been waiting in anticipation, as to what the government might say about the potential reopening of schools. As I've said previously, we are none the wiser until an announcement is made however, our thoughts are constantly with you and your children and whilst we desperately want to see them again, we can only do so when it is safe.

SATs

Next week would have been SATs week for our **Year 6 pupils**. A very special event in our history, as it would have been the very first Key Stage 2 SATs held at Hawley. The children had worked very hard all year in preparation, as had Melissa Law, Y6 class teacher, and Alvina Hussain, Y6 teaching assistant. I am sure that the children would have done themselves, their families and the school proud.

No matter what, we will find a way of saying farewell to them – whether in school, or out.

As you all know, all other scheduled, statutory assessments have been cancelled and so the End of EYFS (Reception class), the Phonics Check (Year 1), End of KS1 SATs (Year 2) and the new Times tables Check (Year 4), will not be taking place this year.

Science Week

I must congratulate you all, children and parents, in your participation in Science Week on the theme of The Variety of Life. I was so inspired that I spent most of the week observing three Great Tits, who have spent all week flying to and from the bird feeders in my garden. I was really impressed by some of the wonderful work that I saw on SeeSaw and amazed at how resourceful, collaborative, imaginative, creative and (of course) scientific, you all are. Even at home you are demonstrating the Hawley Habits of Learning. Well done to you all!

We have a couple more whole school themed weeks coming up soon, **Arts Week** (W/c 1st June) and **Healthy School Week** (W/c 23rd June). I am very much looking forward to seeing what you produce!

Race to Health at Home 11 to 24 May 2020

This year, we will once again be participating in the online physical challenge, Race to Health. It is a competition that we have participated in over the last couple of years and **we are the current champions**. This is the first inter school challenge we have ever won. Please participate and make sure that we retain the trophy!

Instructions are attached, have a look and get started!

Thank you

A big thank you goes to all of those in our Hawley community, who have stepped forward to support our families. Special thanks go to our reading volunteers who have kept in touch with the children they support and Diana, who has donated food every week and made Easter a very special event for our children in school.

Thank you also goes to Mutual Aid and their representative, Karishma, who has diligently ensured that the needs of some of our families are met by providing food hampers or cooked meals.

We are very grateful to all who have offered support in words and in deeds.

TOP TIP

YoungMinds

Young Minds <https://youngminds.org.uk/> is the UK's leading mental health charity for children and young people. Through its website, young people and their parents can access a wealth of resources to help them respond to mental health challenges and get help. If you're concerned about your child's mental wellbeing, they also have a parent hotline you can call on 0808 802 5544, where you'll get advice on how to tackle the issue.



Birthdays between 9th and 15th May 2020

Happy 4th Birthday

15th May - **Amaiya** (Nursery)

Happy 6th Birthday

12th May – **Noah** (Year 1)

Happy 7th Birthday

9th May – **Rodina** (Year 2)

Happy 8th Birthday

12th May – **Nedil** (Year 3)

Happy 10th Birthday

9th May - **Aaron** (Year 5)

Wishing you all a wonderful day!

With very best wishes to you and your families,
Keep safe.

Anne Fontaine
Headteacher