

Dear Parent/Carers,

Congratulations - you have completed your first week at home!

Downs View hasn't been the same without you all but we hope you have enjoyed some quality family time together.

The school has remained open this week for emergency childcare for keyworkers. Due to the decreasing number of key workers needing childcare, as of today for next week and the Easter holidays the school will be CLOSED with childcare for key workers being provided by Kennington Academy. Downs View staff will be supporting Kennington as required.

A huge thank you to my amazing staff team who have worked together to provide quality childcare and support to key workers and families.

If a key worker's situation changes and childcare is required, you should contact office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call 07884866105 to make further arrangements.

It's been great to hear from some of you about your successes this week.

We have decided the stars of the week are:

EVERY child of every class!!
(And you as parent/carers for your support)

We are missing the face to face contact with you as I am sure your children are too. Therefore each team have a special message for you below. We are exploring ways of recording staff through safe mediums so that your children can see friendly staff faces soon... watch this space! We will be uploading more and more useful websites and home learning on the website too.

As mentioned in our guide yesterday, we are available via email or telephone (details above) if you need support. These will be checked regularly along with your year group email addresses where you can communicate with your year group teams.

Meanwhile, take care and keep safe.

Mrs Kent

From the Reception team:

We hope you are all staying safe and well! The EYFS team are missing seeing your smiling faces every day! Hopefully you have completed some of the activities we put on the website. Here are a few more things you can do this week;

Phonics / Writing: We thought that we would remind you to keep consolidating the phonemes, digraphs, trigraphs and tricky words that are in your reading record books. You could always play a game with these i.e. Write the sounds and tricky words down and hide around the garden / home. Say a sound or word and encourage your child to go and find it. Also look at the word, remember the word then see if you can write it without looking. Were you right? (These are on the website as well now in case you need them!)

Maths: Play the game Helicopter Rescue on <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/learning-to-count/helicopter-rescue> . This game will help with recognition of numbers to 20 and

beyond! Or if you cannot access this then make a number fan from 0 - 20 and see if you can find the number that someone is asking for.

Physical Development: Don't forget to make the most of the garden if you can too! Keep practising your hopping, jumping and skipping remembering to land with squishy squashy knees after you have jumped!

Personal, Social, Emotional Development (PSED) : Offer to help with a job at home i.e. learn to lay the table for dinner. You can make this into a game too. Roll a dice (1-6) and if you get a 1 you can lay the fork on the table, a 2 you lay the knife, 3 you lay the spoon, 4 place the cup / glass, 5 lay the plate down, 6 sit at the table.

Music - See if you can learn a new rhyme that you can share with the class when we are all back together.

Messages from EYFS teachers:

Mrs Smith - This week I have been getting to grips with my children's home learning. One of the tasks was to read the story of Icarus. It was a great Greek myth (see if you can find it) and showed the importance of following instructions carefully!

Miss Cossey - This week I have been making the most of my daily exercise time by taking my dog Honey for walks. I have also been researching some new story books to share with you all as soon as I see you.

Miss Ball - This week I have been preparing some home learning for my stepson who is 11. I have also been thinking of some cooking activities I can do with the ingredients that are at the back of the cupboards. I am also trying to teach myself the flute, I bought one a few years ago but as yet haven't got around to learning it!

Don't forget to ask any questions or share successes with us on:
reception@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Enjoy these new activities and see you soon!