

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

A message from Year 1 Team:

We hope you are keeping safe at home and have enjoyed spending time with your families this week. We are all keeping busy.

Miss Thorogood has been practising her gardening skills, she has cut down her hydrangea as well as looked after her daffodils by de-heading them.

Mr Horne has been busy trying to make his own pastry (since he couldn't get any in the supermarket) this didn't go so well for him first time round but we're sure he'll keep trying!

Mrs Norman has been developing her IT skills by learning how to pair her phone to the TV in order to complete the Joe Wicks workout with her family.

Mrs Hunt has been learning Year 5 maths with her eldest daughter but has decided she much prefers year 1 maths! We hope you have learnt some new things too and maybe had the chance to complete some of the activities we put on the website. Here are a few more things you can do this week;

Phonics - Write a list of real and a list of not real words containing the following digraphs; ay (as in day) ou (as in cloud) ie (as in tie)

English - Pick your favourite animal. Over the week create a fact file about it, including a labelled diagram, a list of what it eats or it's needs and a paragraph about the animal. This could include what it looks like, which animal group it is from or where it lives.

Maths - Ordering 2-digit numbers. Go on a Number Hunt around your local street (as part of your daily exercise) write down 10 of the numbers you see around you, i.e; on doors, speed signs, posters. When you come home order the numbers you found. Can you draw how many 10's and how many 1's they have?

Computing - Practise copying and pasting a picture of your favourite animal onto a word document. If you have access to a printer you could print this for your fact file.

Geography - Have a walk in your local area (as part of your daily exercise) When you come home draw a map. Can you include some local landmarks? Maybe you could use this the next time you go out to plan your route?

Reading - Don't forget to carry on reading! There are lots of free online books you can try too on www.oxfordowl.co.uk They have fun activities to try once you've read them too.

Don't forget to ask any questions or share successes with us on:
year1@downs-view.kent.sch.uk

Have a great week! See you soon.