

### **Dear Parent/Carers**

We hope you had a great week. We understand that this probably feels unusual for you all. We hope you and your children have been keeping safe. We hope you have continued to keep busy and enjoy the videos and challenges set on our Facebook page or within our newsletter sent last week. Please remember to let us know what you have been doing and how you have been getting on with the challenges set, using the year group email: [year2@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:year2@downs-view.kent.sch.uk) . Look out over the weekend for an Easter story read by myself! Other challenges and information from different staff will be shared next week. We are working on a surprise for you all and hope we can share this soon. Watch this space!

Keep doing the brilliant job you are doing as a parent/carer. We realise this can be challenging at times and therefore hope that if everybody continues to follow the rules set by the Government that this lockdown will end soon and we can see you back in school where we will be with big smiles and open arms!

We may be in isolation but you are not alone. Please remember if you need support or advice, refer to our support guide sent a few weeks ago or contact [office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk) or call Sam our FLO on **07884866105**. These are checked regularly. All of the staff are keeping themselves busy but do not stop thinking of you all

We know these holidays and Easter for those celebrating will be a little unusual but we do hope you will enjoy some family time together in your home this weekend.

Keep strong- please continue to take care and stay safe.

*Mrs Kent and the Downs View team*

### **To all year 2**

Hello everyone! We hope you have had an enjoyable week at home with your families. Isn't it lovely having nice weather now! Thank you to all of you who have been completing the challenges and sending messages into us. Please continue to send us anything that you do you the year 2 email address.

**Art:** Have you seen Mrs Hunt's junk modelling bunny challenge? Please look on the school Facebook if you haven't. I wonder what you can make out of junk modelling that is Easter or spring related.

**History:** The new Nightingale Hospital has been named after a very famous nurse, Florence Nightingale. What can you find out about her? How can you show what you have learnt? You can find an informative video here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/true-stories-florence-nightingale/z68fcqt>

**Writing:** Can you write a poem that's Easter or spring related? Remember there are lots of different types of poetry. Acrostic, free verse, shape poems and much more!

**Maths:** Can you create an Easter egg maths hunt inside or in your garden? You can then write addition, subtraction, multiplication (2s, 5s or 10s) or division equations (2s, 5s or 10s) on them to solve and move onto the next egg.

**PE** - Mr Neville who has been in school working with us last term works for a company called PASS. They have some daily workouts and PE lessons you can take part in on their website. There are also weekly challenges you can enter. <https://www.passltd.org>

**RE** - Can you research and find out why Christians celebrate Easter. You could create your own storyboard or write out what you find.

The year 2 teachers have been very busy whilst at home or in school. Here are some messages from them-

### **Mrs Garton**

Hello Year 2! I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine! To continue practising my baking skills I have made banana bread and Krispy Kreme style doughnuts! Looks like I'll have to be doing lots of Joe Wicks videos to keep healthy! I have also started a puzzle with my husband which has kept us amused. I wonder if you can do a puzzle with your family? Thank you to those of you who sent us in photos of what you've been baking! I hope you all have a lovely Easter with your families!

### **Mrs Little**

Hello Year 2!

What lovely, sunny weather we are having! I have been busy in my garden again and now I have repainted my fence that blew down during Storm Ciara. My next job is my front door! I have had the paint for a while but while the sun is shining it is the perfect opportunity for me to do my outside jobs. The boys and I have also been taking our dog, Obi, for a daily walk. We have a nice empty green near us where we stop and pass a rugby ball to each other with Obi happily running after it and trying to pinch it. It is very funny and really tires him out! I would love to hear what exercise have you been doing to stay fit. Happy Easter!

### **Mrs Collins**

Dear Year 2,

I hope you have had a good week and have enjoyed some of the challenges set for you. I attempted Miss Thorogood's challenge, I found the sit ups tricky but persevered and tried my best! As I let you know last week we are having a dessert making challenge in my house. I made a delicious Easter cake and my daughter made a yummy blackberry cheesecake. We were pleased with our effort. We are just waiting to see what Mr Collins will make this week. I have also busy at the weekend doing jobs in the garden whilst in the lovely sunshine! Whilst in the garden I saw many common garden birds including a robin, sparrow, blue tit and I even heard a woodpecker. I wonder what different types of birds you can see out of your window, or in the garden. Are they feeding their babies in their nest? Take the time to look and see what different types of birds you can see and watch what they are doing. Take Care

### **Miss Stanley**

Hello Year 2! What a brighter, warmer week this is turning out to be. We have been trying our best to keep everybody busy and entertained in our household, not an easy task I know! We have been giving ourselves a job a day to do and everybody has been working together. We have finished some painting of our 'man cave' and now have the task of sanding down and repainting the doors... oh dear! We have been enjoying lots of different types of food. We lit our first bbq of the year on Tuesday evening and enjoyed sitting out looking at the

amazing moon on Wednesday evening. The stars have been beautiful to see recently in the evenings in the clear skies! I wonder whether you could step outside at night and have a look and find out about the constellations in the sky? I managed to spot the plough!