

SANDRINGHAM NEWS

Nurture Enrich Inspire

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Message from Mrs Money

I can honestly say that this week has been the biggest challenge I have ever experienced in my 25 years in education. Thank you all for your continued support and patience with us as we have attempted to manage the response to the coronavirus with ever changing guidelines and recommendations. A heartfelt thank you to the staff who have remained outwardly positive and optimistic this week despite being parents themselves, having their own parents and feeling the same anxieties as all of you.

Today we are closing Sandringham until further notice. From next week childcare will be provided at Lakeside ONLY for our children whose parents are frontline keyworkers. Staff are scheduled to help to provide this childcare for parents unable to have their children at home due to their role in keeping our country going and keeping our communities safe. Please only request this childcare if you genuinely are one of these keyworkers and you do not have an alternative provision for your children during school closure.

Yesterday your children will have bought home their learning packs, reading books and a list of useful websites. This is not a definitive list but is aimed to be enough learning for the next 2-4 weeks. All of these have also been added to the school website. Children have also bought home all of their belongings, book bags and PE kits. This will allow us to deep clean the school during the period of closure.

This week we have noticed an increasing rise in children's anxiety, tears and the need for reassurance and cuddles. I really do appreciate how frightening this period of uncertainty is for parents but I urge you not to pass this on to your children. Talk with other adults sensitively if your children can hear you, only tell your children what they need to know and remember that they are still very young and need protecting from as much of this situation as possible. We have told the children that the school is closing to allow us to give it a good clean and to make sure that the germs don't spread any further.

All future updates will come via email from school or the Kite Academy Trust.

We have told the children that this is not goodbye but see you again soon! Wishing you all good health during the coming weeks and I look forward to welcoming you all back at the soonest possible opportunity.

When this is over...

*When this is over,
may we never again
take for granted;*

*A handshake with a
stranger,
Full shelves at the
store,
Conversations with
neighbours,
A crowded theatre,
Friday night out,
A routine check up,
The school rush in
the morning,
Coffee with a friend,
The stadium roaring,
Each deep breath,
A boring Tuesday.*

*When this ends
may we find that we
have become more
like the people we
wanted to be, we
were called to be, we
hoped to be and may
we stay that way -
...better for each
other because of the
worst.*

By Laura K Fanucci





This week we drew names out of a basket to name the badgers on our new front entrance sculpture.

Congratulations to Georgina and Indie who chose the names Bo (the big one) and Buddy (the little one).

