

Spaldwick Community Primary School



Head 2 Home



May 2020

@SpladwickPrima1

Website: www.spaldwickschool.org.uk

Contact: 01480

Spaldwick School where every day is a chance to LEARN and SUCCEED

Message from Mrs Worrell

We have made it to half term, well done to you all! You have been challenged in new ways and we cannot thank you enough for all your support and positivity. Your kindness has not gone unnoticed, your thoughtful emails have always arrived at exactly the right time, your biscuits and cakes have been eagerly enjoyed and the face masks and moisturisers have helped to relax us. Thank you all!

We will not be sending work home or checking Tapestry next week, our staff need a rest and so do you and your children. Please don't carry on with school work! Instead, enjoy long walks, ice-cream, lazy afternoons and a good book. I have just been told that the Costa at Rushden Lakes has reopened so I'm off for a coconut flat white!

Next term, sees another change with Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 returning to school. I know this is anxious time for you and your children and we will do everything we can to ease that anxiety and support you. Many of you will be feeling relieved that your child's year group isn't returning yet, some of you will be disappointed and some of you will feel torn about making the right decision for your child. As always, you will do what is right for your family and we will support your decision but in the meantime we have been busy getting school ready by, reducing furniture, creating zones and preparing individual resources. This is to enable us to encourage and promote social distancing as much as possible. The Department for Education guidance states that, '*early years and primary age pupils cannot be expected to remain 2 metres apart from each other and staff.*' (DfE, 12th May 2020). Although our 'bubble' model will minimise contact as children and adults will only mix in small, consistent groups, this is not a guarantee of social distancing. We have also appointed a cleaner to work during the school day, which will be an enormous help with hygiene.

Take care everyone, we hope to see you soon!

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 should have been off on their travels to Condoover Hall on the 1st of June and I am sure the children will be feeling really disappointed. However Year 6, please remember we will plan something for you all when time allows.

Parents... Condoover Hall have now confirmed refunds will be issued and so we will be issuing full refunds as soon as possible.

COVID Snake



Have you seen the COVID snake growing outside school? Luke and Natalie started the snake and the children in school have added to it, could you add a stone? Let's see how far it can stretch.

Erin's Newsletter Entry

I like school because I like learning. I feel happy because I get to see my mummy and daddy at home lots, but I miss all of my friends and teachers. We have seen a fox, a hedgehog and a badger in my garden. Mummy is working very hard and daddy tries his best. I hope to see my teachers and my friends soon.

The Day That School Closed by Lucas Gerry

The prime minister had finally announced, "All schools will be closing for the foreseeable future!" A virus was sweeping across the world and today was the beginning of a prolonged lockdown in the UK.

It was Friday 20th March, Mum dropped me off at the newly painted playground just like any other day. However, this was not *any other day*, it was... The Day That School Closed!

COVID-19 was a new virus spreading across the globe like a savage bushfire. Cough! Cough! Coughing from county to county. Continents were going into lockdown, businesses were closing; the economy was dying! School had prepared for this day, keeping us active and positive, demonstrating good hand washing and trying to keep us calm.

Thank goodness for the internet as the teachers tirelessly tried to get activities online. The World Wide Web was about to overload with pupils logging on like bees buzzing around honey.

The bulging mouths of folders were sat being slowly fed with worksheets, fattened up, ready to be eaten over the coming months. They knew the day was coming; it was inevitable. On entering the classroom, Miss Bell was stood greeting us with a jolly, "Good morning!" The timetable had been scrapped. It was the last day, it was going to be fun. "Don't worry about the day," she exclaimed, "I've got something sorted!"

We did PE, origami and made some Mother's day cards. However, the sadness was still overwhelming. What a day to end my final year at primary!

No residential, no SATs after all our hard work and NO PARTY! Will I get to see my friends? Will I get to see my teachers? Will I get to have my transition days? My mind was overflowing with questions; I wonder if they will be answered.

At the end of the day mum and dad came to pick me up. I said my goodbyes to my friends. As I walked away and looked over my shoulder I saw that even the building itself looked sad as it stood still and motionless.

Help and Support

Here are some links to services that can provide help and support but please remember we are always available too.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/>

http://www.safeguardingcambspeterborough.org.uk/children_board/parents-carers/

<https://www.keep-your-head.com/cyp>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.womensaid.org.uk/>

https://www.cambsdasv.org.uk/website/support_help/84011