



Gosden House School

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MINI NEWS



A Message from Cindy

This is definitely the most unusual newsletter article I have ever written. As we prepare to go into Easter holidays, some of us are preparing to go back into school! It has been a manic couple of weeks, with so much information coming at us all. It feels to me like this is slowing down somewhat, but I feel that the most difficult times for us as a school are yet to come, with real worries and an expectation that our community will be facing some challenging experiences.

One of things you will have experienced, and I certainly have, is the overwhelming love and gratitude, which is spreading through our community. Primarily to the frontline workers, who are running the NHS and emergency services - I see there is another Applaud the NHS event planned for 8pm this evening. But also gratitude to every member of the community who is pulling together (or apart!) to protect the most vulnerable in our society. Within a special school community, we are well used to fighting this fight, but now the whole country is on board. Take a moment to notice this movement, and to recognise that you are a part of something wonderful. I believe there is much that we will take from this experience, which will benefit society in the long term.

But now, back to the present time. The good news is that the supermarkets are well stocked with Easter eggs. This is not a trivial matter. Our children are experiencing a real change in their world, and it is super important that we continue to allow them to enjoy the pleasures of childhood as much as we can. Birthday parties are not what they were, but the egg hunt will go on! I know a lot of families will find Easter tough in some ways, so please remember that while Easter is a time for reflection, it is equally a time for hope.

Please enjoy your holidays in your own homes, I hope the weather facilitates some outside time. And remember to be online for registration sessions on Monday 20th April, after Joe Wicks!

Annie has sent a separate information page for support – which will also be on our web page – where you can find all our updates.

We will resume Newsletters after Easter.

Cindy



SOME PRIMARY CLASSES MINI NEWS

Please note: There will be different class updates each week.

MICROSOFT TEAMS

BADGER CLASS

We have loved talking to you all and seeing your lovely faces and all the wonderful things you have been doing at home. There are some wonderful Easter crafts being shared with a splendid Easter bonnet too. We have seen some of your fantastic writing too with some imaginative story ideas. Please do keep sharing, as we love seeing your learning developing at home. Check out Microsoft Teams (see the website for how to access) for some fun ideas to keep you busy. How about making an Easter card and practising your writing with a message inside. Happy Easter and stay safe.



From Mrs Henderson, Mrs McGee, Abi, Louise and Carla.

SQUIRREL CLASS



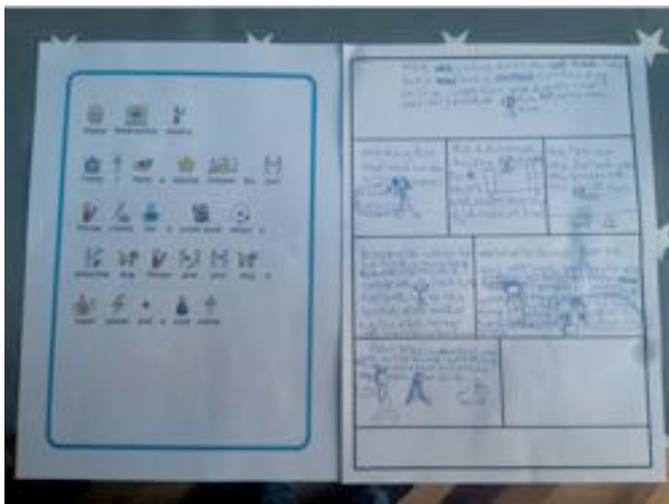
Well this has been a very odd 2 weeks, but Squirrels have managed fantastically well to keep in touch. Some have been on the computer and shared what they have been doing with each other, some have sent photographs of activity at home and some have kept in touch on the phone. We are all very proud of all the home learning that Squirrels have achieved, including cooking cakes, looking after animals, sewing, making silly hats, building models, gardening,

Thank you to those who have been able to log onto the daily Microsoft team meetings, it is great to see everybody and share news - you can find out how to log in on the front page of the website or check your parentmails

SECONDARY HOME LEARNING – MRS HEAD AND PARKS CLASS UPDATE MISS BUTCHER

**A lovely Detective Dog story
from Jess**

Some Great Home Learning Pictures



PARKS CLASS UPDATE

We have enjoyed seeing each other every morning through our computers and phones. We have enjoyed looking at the incredible things Harry has built out of Lego and look forward to sharing what we have been up to and sharing our daily challenge that Miss Butcher sets, including filling someone's bucket and writing a thank you to someone in our house. We have also had the chance to meet each others' brothers and sisters and dogs.

From: Miss Butcher



OUR LOVELY ANIMALS – SANDRA TIDBURY

Since Gosden has been closed I have been getting some very important daily exercise visiting our animals. Rosie has loved her visits, eager to eat the treats I brought. She especially liked nectarines and very juicy apples! Pips and all! When the sun was out she loved to sunbathe and would knock her water trough till the water slopped out and made a puddle she could drink from and when there was enough on the floor she would roll in it! Trouble is then she would need a scratch...trees , her sty, her water trough and eventually my hands.....by this time she had flopped on her side for a tummy tickle!

The chickens have a new home now thanks to Frankie, Paul and Brian, in the courtyard at the back of Year 10 and DT. They have much more room

**ROSIE THE PRETTY
PIG!**



**CHEEKY
CHICKENS!**



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to all of the year 10 and 11 students who have been working so hard this term to complete all of their Exam Coursework.

The staff have now assessed all of them and they are currently with Sandra who has been busy over the last few weeks moderating them.

Well Done KS4!
Mrs Downman

