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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we finish the Easter holidays and begin the summer term, I am sending out an informative newsletter instead of the School Magazine. Please do not worry, though! If you have sent in photos this week, they will be included in the School Magazine when it returns next week.

Thank You!

First of all I want to thank you for all your efforts and support over the last month. We have all been thrown into a different context for learning and family life with very little warning. I have truly appreciated the emails and positive Facebook comments that have been sent to the school, and personally want to thank you for taking the time to get in touch. I am sure there have been times when you have worried about what you are or are not doing and, as a parent myself, I can fully relate to that! This is a marathon, not a sprint. A child cannot learn unless they feel safe and reassured, so your family's health and well-being should always remain the biggest priority.

The staff have continued to work incredibly hard behind the scenes whilst also managing changes to their own family circumstances, and I remain unreservedly proud of the commitment they have shown. The school has remained partially open for a minority of children and I am honoured to lead such a dedicated team who have enabled this to happen.

Home Learning Changes

We hope you have found the Home Learning packs for each class useful over the last few weeks, but I have decided to make some changes to our organisation of these as we move into the summer term. I am therefore using this week's newsletter to outline our new approach and I hope you will find it useful.

- **School Website**

From this weekend there will be a change to the 'Home Learning' tab on our website.



From here you will have 2 options:

- 1) access year group links to a Share Point folder for the learning tasks set for the upcoming week (more about this in the section below)
- 2) select the 'School Closure Home Learning Links' page. This is the page you have been using over the last month.

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School Closure Home Learning Information

Please find below links to an information letter from Mrs Griffiths and home learning lesson plans for each class.
During the partial school closure we will aim to ensure that all families are contacted via ParentMail at least once a week.
If you have any questions or concerns please do email the school office: office@woolprimary.dorset.sch.uk

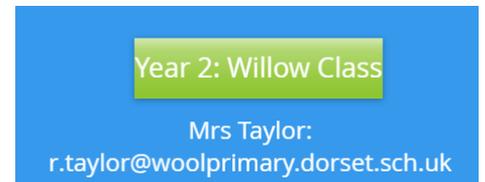
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On this page you will find a range of websites which offer resources for various different curriculum areas. We will continue to add to this as we find more links so that you can dip in and out as needed. If ever you feel you would like more learning activities for your child, this is the place to look.

- **Home Learning Share Point**

From 20th April, on the main Home Learning page, there will be a new page containing a shared folder with a variety of learning resources to be used in the upcoming week with your child.

Clicking the green button for each class/year group will take you to a Share Point Folder with tasks for that week. I have also listed the links for the week beginning 20th April below:



Reception: https://purbeckeducation-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/wool_homelearning_woolprimary_dorset_sch_uk/EpPe89CRM6JNvyxQhkT23UB_oZsm4ze9ZKYVadolqKT6Q?e=cTPhU4

Year 1: https://purbeckeducation-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/wool_homelearning_woolprimary_dorset_sch_uk/EgOdIla9cX9JmycbISMqyQsBlwPid9FgBqEOFJcaBkPteQ?e=URfpW9

Year 2: https://purbeckeducation-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/wool_homelearning_woolprimary_dorset_sch_uk/Eg79SiKuSC1JqVL2seHD_cMBEwRA3Fw15fKVZs9IyKIJ9g?e=r8fTXO

Year 3 and 4: https://purbeckeducation-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/wool_homelearning_woolprimary_dorset_sch_uk/EtQ-TXbS5qNMvBTD03udE0ABwNAUw4r0GpWh1yowvj_bOg?e=dktiCW

Year 5 and 6: https://purbeckeducation-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/g/personal/wool_homelearning_woolprimary_dorset_sch_uk/EhSii3PHf4dBgnjGHsR8sqMBBKWVEj5z1FS4pbXeQupcEw?e=hIsRlw

 Year 3

In the folder will be a suggested weekly timetable and all the resources your child will need to support them with the tasks that have been set. Each teacher will provide maths, english and topics lessons for your child each week. Children in Key Stage 1 will also have phonics sessions. Please remember that lessons, opportunities and starting points for learning cannot be the same as the teaching and learning your child experiences in school. However, we hope that the provision we offer will help your child continue to practise and develop the learning they need, keep the knowledge and skills they are developing warmed up and give them plenty of opportunity to apply and develop their learning further.

Our aim is to make the learning activities as manageable as possible for children and their parents/carers whilst they are at home. You are welcome to record the learning in any way that you choose. If you would like to collect a work book from school for your child then do please contact the office or myself to arrange a suitable time to pick one up. These books will not need to come back into school as we will be providing answer pages etc online so that children are able to have their work marked at home. Answer sheets may be shared at a later date so that children aren't tempted to look in advance! Of course we would also encourage you to send in emails/photos to your child's class teacher so that they can celebrate achievements with your child.

- **Home Learning Grid**

We will continue to have a button with a link to a Home Learning Grid for each class. The grid will provide a range of activities from across the curriculum with which your child can engage. Again, we have put these together for your child to access if you think he/she would benefit from additional tasks.

To access these grids just click on the Extras buttons:



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- **SEND**

Miss Hardy has put together a collection of activities to support those children with an identified special educational need. She has also written a letter for parents which is stored within the folder. This folder can be accessed by clicking on the SEND button:

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Home Learning remains a very difficult thing to outline as every child and family are different. Each year group has provided a recommended timetable but it is only a suggestion. A good expectation to aim for would be to complete the phonics, maths and English tasks for the week. The topic activities can then be explored, as could aspects of the Home Learning Grid, if there is time.

If you ever have any questions or concerns about the lessons set or your child's progress relating to them, then do please just email your child's teacher. Staff email addresses can be found on the website. Please just be patient awaiting a reply as staff are working a combination of providing care for children in school whilst also sometimes working from home.

Online Safety

Please do note that whilst we have done all we can to make sure the content is safe for children within the secure domain of our website, there might be YouTube links within teaching presentations that are not completely under our control. Age inappropriate adverts and videos should not pop up, as we have labelled our content as "Suitable for children". We have disabled comments and the "like" function, so that the channel cannot be used for any form of chat. However, no web-based filtering system is infallible so we do ask that you keep an eye on your children while they are viewing the videos (of course there's always the temptation to catch up on another video from another YouTube channel too). Additional advice about internet safety can be found on our website.

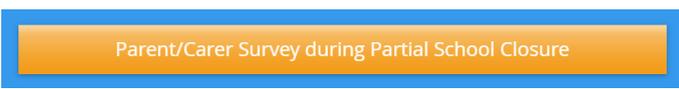
Feedback survey

To help us evaluate and improve our provision further I would like to build upon the feedback that some parents have sent to me with a more formal feedback survey. It only takes a couple of minutes and it will help us ensure that we continue to move in the right direction as we support and develop our Home Learning offer in the current climate.

After completing a week of this new format, please take and submit the survey. The link to the survey is here:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/NXT7Q5X>

Alternatively, you can click on the link at the bottom of the Home Learning page:

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Communication

We have tried to regularly update our school Facebook page and will continue to do this. We are conscious of the importance of maintaining the bond between teachers and their classes, and we hope that seeing and hearing from staff will continue to be a great comfort for many children. Thank you to all those of you who have already positively engaged with our page and we hope you and your children continue to enjoy it.

We have adapted our weekly newsletter into a School Magazine format. Again, we have received great feedback from this and we are thrilled that so many of you are getting involved with it. Please do continue to send us photos of what your child has been up to and we will keep sharing them so that you can enjoy the magazine together and see what friends have been doing too.

In addition to this, you are very welcome to email your child's teacher or myself if you would like to get in contact with us. We will aim to respond as soon as possible. We also hope your child's class teacher will now be able to phone you approximately once a week. This is to provide an opportunity to 'check in' and see how things are going at home, whilst also giving your child the chance to talk to their teacher for a short while. If your teacher cannot make contact by phone, he/she will email you directly instead.

Moving Forward

This is a new situation for all of us and we are constantly investigating and testing new methods to bring learning, resources and support to the children and families of Wool Primary. There may be some glitches along the way and I want to thank you in advance for your patience and understanding as we embark on this new journey we are all taking together. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to get in contact.

Yours sincerely,

Ellie Griffiths

