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Dear Parents

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Prime Minister's Public Announcement Sunday 10th May 2020

We are sure, like us, you were watching the Prime Minister's address to the nation last night. The Prime Minister indicated that the government believes it may be in a position to implement a phased re-opening of schools from 1st June, starting with pupils in Reception, Year One and Year Six.

Like you, we have only just seen the announcement and at this stage we cannot answer all of your questions. As yet, we have no more information than you do about this plan. We expect to receive some guidance from the Department for Education at some point in the next day or so, and at that point we can begin to make plans in accordance with that guidance; these will be shared with you as soon as we are able to do so.

In the meantime, our status is as it has been since the 23rd March – our school is only open for those children of Critical Workers who need to be cared for while their parent(s) are at work and for those children deemed 'vulnerable'.

Home Learning

In my newsletter this week, I have included some amazing artwork and activities that children have sent through their class blog. As I have tried to emphasise, 'home learning' is so difficult – for a number of different and complex reasons. It will look different in all of your homes, and whatever you are doing and however you are doing it – you are doing a great job! If you feel your child is struggling, don't force things, try and encourage activities that they are interested in. You can still send photos of their activities in to your child's class teacher – either through the class blog or through the year group email. In this way, your child can receive some positive feedback and praise from staff at the school, as well as keeping in touch with their class.

Support from School

As the pandemic continues, there will be families within our community that tragically have to cope with bereavement and the worry of loved ones being seriously ill. If this is happening within your family, and you think that the school can be of support to you or your children, please do get in touch and we will help in any way we can. Also, if your family is struggling financially, we may be able to help by getting you in touch with some local charities. Again, please do get in touch with us and we will endeavour to get you the support that you need.

Miss Joyce has created our Virtual Achievement Assembly this week. Please go to:
<https://vimeo.com/416288740/5f50d8bff0> to watch.

Sending you very best wishes from all of the staff at The Hermitage.

Take care
Mrs Harrup
Head teacher

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The Hermitage School Newsletter

Super Star Fund Raiser

In memory of his brother, and to raise funds for the Shooting Stars Children's Hospice, Jonas set himself the challenge of staying on his trampoline for 7 hours! He was only allowed to take 5 'luxury' items with him for the duration. He chose a pillow, blanket, umbrella, iPad (heavily controlled by mum!) and a book.



So far, **Jonas has raised a magnificent £1,320** for the Shooting Stars Children's Hospice. If you would like to make a donation supporting Jonas and his family, please go to the Facebook page, Matthias Always and Forever. Well done Jonas! We're all really proud of you.

The Mayor's Award for Service to the Community

We are very proud to announce that Miss Foster has been awarded The Mayor's Award for Service to the Community for her work as Chair of the drama group, The Fairland Players.

This award recognises people nominated by residents in the borough who have given great service to their community. A wonderful achievement for Miss Foster – we're really proud of her. The Award Ceremony will take place once the Coronavirus pandemic is under control, but here is a photograph of her with The Fairland Players.



Please go to: <https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools> to register The Hermitage School for the opportunity to win £5,000 worth of books for our school. Please share the link through your social media channels too – the more nominations we get, the better our chance of winning!

Many thanks.

Virtual Race Around the World

Mrs Everitt is taking part in a mass virtual journey around the world – on foot, bicycle or scooter – in aid of the domestic abuse charity, Your Sanctuary.

The project is being run by the Welcome Church in Woking and anyone can take part. The idea is to collectively cover 24,901 miles, the circumference of the Earth along the equator, during the lock-down. Those taking part are using their daily exercise to add to the total, with the aim of collecting £1 per mile as they share their progress on social media.

Run the World for Your Sanctuary started after the charity, whose fundraising has been virtually wiped out by the coronavirus lockdown, approached local churches for help.

For more information about how to get involved or donate towards this deserving cause, please visit

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/c82sm8-welcome-church-goes-around-the-world>



Mrs Everitt with her family taking up the challenge to help the Your Sanctuary charity.

Mrs Coster's bird box

Please take a look at the live video feed of the bird box in Mrs Coster's garden – it's absolutely fascinating. Go to:

<https://youtu.be/GG6h1C5SQD8>

Willow Class VE Day

Willow class have been finding out about VE Day.

On the 8th of May 1945 the Prime minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.

People were happy and celebrated by having street parties.
Alfred



VE day is an abbreviation of Victory in Europe Day. Which originated from 8th May 1945, the day after Germany agreed to a complete surrender in the World War 2.

On VE Day the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, joined the Royal family on the balcony of Buckingham Palace for several appearances throughout the day. Dancing, music and celebrations continued into the night and long after.

Isabelle

I made cornflake cakes with my sister Sophie today. We will have them at our VE Day tea party tomorrow. I helped break up the chocolate and mix in the butter and syrup. They are very yummy.
Evie



My granny shared this picture with me of her as a young girl at their VE Day party. She is at the back with a flower in her hair, held by great-granny.

The party looks great fun, with lovely flowers and jam tarts on the table.

Evie

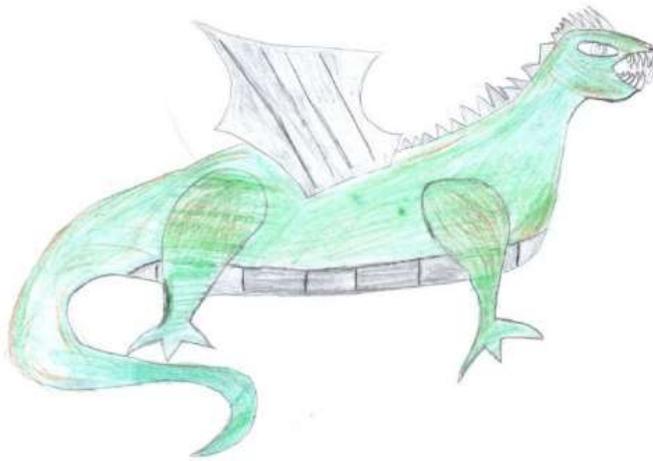


Henry – created on canvas



Ash Class Dragon Artwork

We have some amazing artists at The Hermitage. These are just a selection of the amazing dragons Ash Class have been drawing.



Hari – Ukrainian Ironbelly Dragon



Emma – Chinese Fireball Dragon



Jonas – Chinese Fireball Dragon



Arlo – Chinese Fireball Dragon



Victoria – a knight saving a baby



Toby – Hungarian Horntail