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HAPPY, CONFIDENT AND SUCCESSFUL LEARNERS; WELL PREPARED FOR LIFE.

Keeping things real

Teachers were never trained to deliver distance learning via internet learning platforms (though our teachers have done an amazing job). Teaching is a 'social process', it's about developing the best relationships with children. We all know from our own personal experience of school, as children ourselves, that the best teachers were those that you had the best social relationships with. This is difficult to replicate from a computer keyboard and via a video link.

Similarly, most parents have been thrown in at the deep end too, unfamiliar with expected learning and National Curriculum syllabus, and not having developed the skills of a school teacher, it has been a challenge. However, like our teachers and support staff, many of our parents have risen to this challenge.

Nearly all parents acknowledge that academic, school, learning is important. However, more important is children's wellbeing. Without children being happy and confident, they won't be successful learners (to reference our school vision statement). This is where many parents have stepped up to the mark and ensured a 'balance' as much as they have been able. Yes, the online learning is important (minimising the 'catch-up' required on full return to school) but sometimes slack has been cut to maintain everybody's sanity ('keeping it real'). So taking time out for a country walk, or a bit of X-Box downtime is okay, and parents should not feel guilty about that.

We know that many, many mums and dads (and carers) and children have made the commitment to online learning and worked hard. So we want to acknowledge this by saying 'thank you'.

Returning to the message of well-being, if there has been a silver lining in all of this, it has been that families have had time to spend together. The years of childhood are precious and fleeting. I look back on my own children's childhoods with fond memories. They grow so quickly, don't they? And it has been good to make the most of the time you have had with them. Parents have done fantastic things (on Facebook, we've seen the snowmen, we've seen the baking and the Lego towers, the cycling, the skateboarding, the snow-angels, the artwork, the country walks etc. etc.). Parents have done some amazing things with their children. Time for a plug now, here's a few more for your list:

<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/50-things-to-do-before-youre-11--activity-list>
Admittedly, some are seasonal, but a wonderful list, nevertheless.

When we get back to normal (whatever that might look like), we will pick up the pieces and plug the gaps, we will renew the relationships and our school playground will ring with the sound of happy laughter once again.

Have a great half term with the children, and see how many of the fifty things you can tick off (within the rules, of course!).



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We will be back at school/home learning on Monday 22nd February.

HERE2HELP

On the Here2Help website, families can find resources to help with staying at home during Coronavirus as well as an online form they can fill out to request the support they need. If the family does not have internet access, they can call 01905 768053 which is open Monday to Thursday, 9am-5pm and Friday 9am-4.30pm. Here2Help will signpost callers to up to date advice and arrange volunteer support where required to help those who are unable to leave their homes as a result of needing to self-isolate.

The types of support available include:

- Collecting and delivering food and supplies
- Arranging emergency food support
- Help collecting prescriptions
- Help with other commitments such as pet needs
- Support for those who are feeling isolated
- Advice around money, benefits and debt

For more information visit: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help

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STAR OF THE WEEK

RF - YOUSEF
 RH - CIAN
 RL - HENRI
 1D - BLAKE
 1T - COOPER
 1RB - LAWSON
 2A - OLIVER & LUCY
 2CA - BEAU & GEORGE
 2J - DELILAH & ALFIE
 3P - JACOB
 3K - AVA
 3HK - JOSHUA
 4W - ISLA
 4MW - GABE
 4J - JACK
 5G - LUCAS
 5MS - NOAH
 5K - DAISY
 6C - STANLEY
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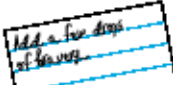



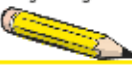







Even more

Non-screen activities you can do at home




Recipes are a great way to express yourself and get creative.
Have a go at our 25 food and recipe related tasks!



25
more
ideas!

<p>1 Write a recipe for happiness. What are the essential ingredients you need to include?</p> 	<p>2 Design the front cover of your own recipe book. What will you call your book and how will you make it stand out?</p>	<p>3 Get revolting! What is the most disgusting menu you can think of? Design and create your own revolting menu.</p>	<p>4 Make your own chef's hat. What will you use to make it? Newspaper or something else?</p> 	<p>5 What makes a good friend? Can you write a recipe with the key ingredients?</p> 
<p>6 Create a recipe for a superhero. What do you need to mix together and how would you do it?</p> 	<p>7 Make a model of your favourite pizza. Use bits you find around the house. What toppings will you include? Bottle top pepperoni perhaps?</p>	<p>8 Write a song or rap about your favourite food OR about your least favourite food.</p> 	<p>9 Draw a picture of the best dessert you can possibly imagine!</p> 	<p>10 What do you need to make a healthy human? Draw a diagram to explain.</p> 
<p>11 Start a food journal. Write down your favourite meals, ingredients and recipes. Are you eating healthily enough?</p> 	<p>12 Imagine you need to make a cake for a special event. It needs to have 5 layers of different flavours. Design and label how it would look.</p>	<p>13 Word search fun! Create your own word search using words on the topic of food or cooking, then ask someone to complete it.</p> 	<p>14 Imagine you discovered a new type of fruit! What would you call it? What would it look like and taste like? Write a description.</p>	<p>15 If you had your own restaurant, what would it be like? Would it have a theme? Make a model of it using things you find around the house.</p>
<p>16 How would you create a united community? Write down your method and the ingredients you would use.</p>	<p>17 The perfect teacher! Write a list of the ingredients you would need to make the best teacher in the world, perhaps you know one already?</p>	<p>18 Grow your own. Can you save the seeds from something you eat and plant them to grow your own?</p> 	<p>19 Get baking! Find a recipe you like and have a go at completing it. What will you make? Biscuits, pancakes, fruit salad or something else?</p> 	<p>20 Healthy body. Exercise is just as important as eating well. Can you create your own daily workout routine and try it out?</p> 
<p>21 How many words can you think of that rhyme with COOK? Write a list.</p> 	<p>22 Rainbow foods. There are 7 colours in the rainbow. Can you think of a food that's the colour of each one? Draw a picture to show these.</p>	<p>23 Potion power! Imagine you have the power to create a potion. What would your potion do and how would you make it?</p> 	<p>24 Alphabet food! Can you name something you would find in the kitchen that starts with the letter a,b,c and so on?</p> 	<p>25 Put on a show! Can you put on a cookery show? Explain what you are doing at each step so it's simple for others to follow!</p>

Parents and teachers – please share your success stories with us on social media:

 HeyPobble
  Pobble Education
  TeamPobble