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As I'm sure you can imagine, it is a very odd situation writing a newsletter under the present circumstances but I thought it might be helpful to let you know some of things that have been happening behind-the-scenes while school has been closed. Since the closure, Bretforton Village School staff have been supporting the childcare provision for key-worker families over at Bengeworth Academy; this includes families from Bretforton who needed childcare. If your circumstances have changed and you are a key-worker who needs childcare, please contact me via the contact@bretforton.worcs.sch.uk email address.

We have also been contacting the parents of children who are due to join our Reception class in the autumn. Unfortunately, we are not able to provide the usual transition programme to introduce children to school, but we are planning a modified version of this which will enable new starters to successfully begin their school career.



I know the children have been working hard on their Home Learning over the past few weeks. I've added a few examples of some of the children's pictures that they have shared with us by email – it's always a delight to see the children's artwork and also to know that they are so proud of what they achieved.



Worcestershire Children's Services Family Learning is no longer delivering in schools due to the current lockdown but they have designed some ONLINE short courses for families to do together that are all FREE for every single parent.

- The link to book onto each course is under each description – please click on the link to book your place.
- Each course will email you a 30 minute fun video each day for you to watch with your children and do the activities in your own time. A tutor will email you throughout the course to support you, help you with the activities and look at your end results.

Book and Cook Family Activity Week Online starts Monday 11th May – Friday 15th May Motivational Monday - Making a rainbow from any ingredients you have at home from tomatoes to cherries to peas! Ring an isolated relative and read them a book and make a rainbow in your house or garden. Tech Tuesday - Harry Potter chocolate melting (using up your left over Easter Eggs) and some Harry Potter activities. Work it out Wednesday - Making Pizza (bread roll, slice of bread, pizza base and using up beans, tins of tomatoes, sweetcorn, etc) and then writing your own Pizza cook book. Theory Thursday - Where's Wally book and making your own biscuits (flour, sugar and butter) and anything red and white to decorate them. Hiding your Wally Biscuits around the house for family to find. Feedback Friday - Making a book of all the different cooking things you tried this week to take back into school to show your teacher and class.
<https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/coursebookingpublic/CourseBooking.aspx?Login=False&CourseId=5630&CustomerRequestGUID=>

5 days of Family Fun online starts Monday 18th May – Friday 22nd May Motivation Monday - Flower Pressing and card making using flowers from your garden or local walk and books as the press and turning them into cards or pictures to show or post to people. Tech Tuesday - Sock puppets from old socks at home and anything you can find at home to decorate. Working it out Wednesday - garden pots using recycled drink bottles and yoghurt pots and painting with water in your garden. Theory Thursday - using cereal, pasta or dried fruit etc to thread into necklaces or jewellery. Feedback Friday - Stick food using cocktail sticks or kebab sticks or similar make your own kebabs from fruit and veg in your home or any sweets you can find.
<https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/coursebookingpublic/CourseBooking.aspx?Login=False&CourseId=5631&CustomerRequestGUID=>

High School Family Crafts Online starts Monday 18th – Friday 22nd May This is a 5 session online course for parents and teenagers to learn new crafts together. This course will be given to you to complete in your own time over the course of a week with 5 activities including: 1) Friendship Bracelets with wool or string 2) Flower braided bracelets using wool or string 3) Painted salt dough earrings 4) painted salt dough necklace and 5) Safety Pin Jewellery.
<https://capublic.worcestershire.gov.uk/coursebookingpublic/CourseBooking.aspx?Login=False&CourseId=5646&CustomerRequestGUID=>

Diary Dates

Friday 22nd May – Official last day of summer term 1

Monday 1st June – First day of summer term 2 – information will be sent out in the event of continued closure.

Other dates will be reviewed once the extent of the national closure is known.