



More news from our school families and staff during the Coronavirus (COVID 19)

April 29th 2020

Dear parents and carers

As always, we hope that everyone is continuing to keep safe and well, during these uncertain times.

Thank you to those of you have sent in some photographs of the activities you have been doing at home with your children - we do like to see these. Please do continue sending them through.

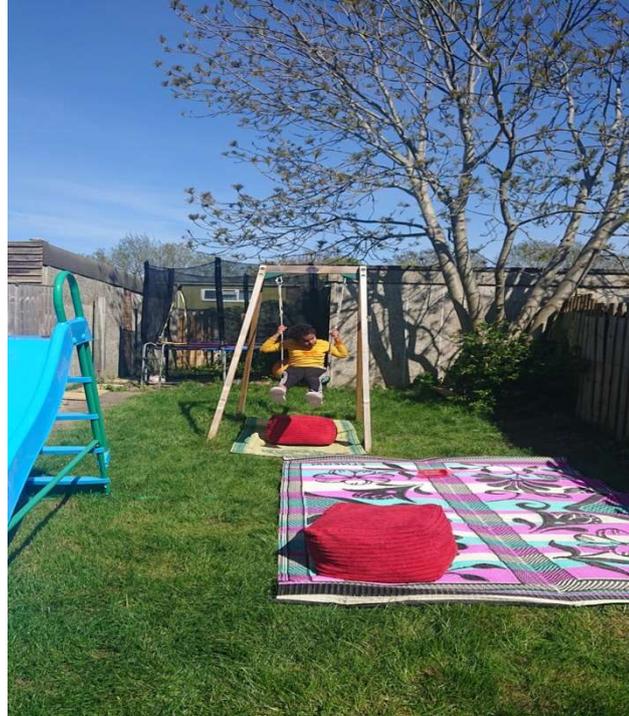


Our priority continues to be keeping everyone safe and well - pupils, staff and everyone's families safe and well. We have a significant number of staff as well as pupils who are self-isolating, our thoughts are with you as we do recognise that this is not an easy task.

National Gardening Week



We are part of the RHS campaign for school gardening. This week is National Gardening Week and we can see from the photographs that some of you have definitely enjoyed spending time outside during the lovely sunny weather and maybe doing some gardening together. If so, please do send in some photographs. There is a lot of information and ideas on the RHS website, so do have a look. Jo has been working on our school allotment, tidying and sorting in preparation for when we are operational again.



I know that class staff have continued to be in contact with you each week and I cannot stress how useful the feedback from this has been to the Strategic Leadership Team and myself. I hope that you as parents and carers have also

found this support from a distance to be beneficial. Several class groups have been sending out new activities for you to do, should you wish with your son / daughter. Please do be aware that these are not 'compulsory' at all, but I feel that it is important for us to continue to suggest ideas for you - just in case! In addition, the website and Facebook Page are regularly updated with ideas for you.

Brad continues, to entertain us all with his daily sing a longs via the school Facebook Page each day at 10:30am and I would encourage you to tune into this. It is very popular, both with pupils and parents / carers.

Whilst school has been closed Kye and several others, including Michael have celebrated their birthdays.



For those of you who receive free school meals Alison has spent a lot of time on the website arranging for your vouchers and is in the process of ordering another two weeks of them for you. If you have not received them, please get in contact on the parents@theredway.net email.

Currently, there is little indication of when it might be possible for schools to reopen. However, it is highly likely that we will not be fully operational again until September, and as such the Strategic Leadership Team is currently planning for this with a phased return for some, but not all pupils if at all possible before then. This is dependent on many assessments, discussions with colleagues from health and social care as well as staff who are able to work

without placing undue risks to them and their families. In essence there are a lot of connotations to consider and discuss.

On behalf of all the staff including the Governing Body at The Redway School do keep well and safe during this difficult time for everyone.

Please do keep in touch and contact the school via parents@theredway.net email if we can help in any way.

But most importantly remember to stay home, wash hands, clean surfaces and look after your loved ones.

Ruth

