



Good morning Parents and Carers

School has been extremely quiet over the past fortnight with an average of 12 children of key workers joining us each day. Staff are in school on a one week in school/one week working from home rotation. I hope you are all managing to persuade your children of the importance of keeping up with their school work whilst at home. Please email us at adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk or phone 01489 860207 if you would like any guidance with the work pack.

Over the next fortnight, it is officially the school holidays, but we will continue to put up messages on the ClassDojo site and provide a childcare facility in school for keyworkers who are unable to make other arrangements for the care of their children. I am very grateful to staff who have agreed to continue with our rota and continue to work throughout their Easter 'holiday'. Although it is officially holiday time, it is always good for children to keep up with reading and other key learning skills throughout the break for them to be more willing to return to the home learning routines in a fortnights time.

We have the new learning packs ready to send to you by email and put onto our school website at the start of the summer term in case we are not back in school, so please look out for them. Please could children continue to work in an exercise book—it doesn't have to be the one we sent home from school.



The children who have been in school over the past fortnight have been inspired to undertake art activities by the artist James Brunt. We sent him the photos and he replied saying how impressed he was!

Classroom Dojo Login

This week, we are making greater use of ClassDojo website to communicate directly with children and parents. Thank you to those parents who have sent private messages through the site to the class-teacher either asking questions about the work we sent out or telling us how it is all going. We have loved seeing your video clips, pictures and work and many children have been increasing their dojo point count.

If you have still not logged onto the site, it would be extremely helpful to us if you registered immediately for each of your children as we are sending through fun challenges to keep your children entertained while they are unable to go out.

We've received some fantastic videos from calling the emergency services to pupils playing their musical instruments. I understand that Miss Dawson and Mrs Higgins will be posting a clip of them dancing next week—certainly one not to miss!

Benefits Related Free School Meals

This week, we have been able to access food vouchers for families with children who are eligible for benefits related free school meals. If you think that your child may now be eligible for this due to reduced income, please check on the Gov.uk website <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> and then contact us.

Finally a huge thank you to the Durley Cricket Club, who I understand have sent us a very generous gift of £200 to purchase sports equipment. We look forward to spending it on our return to school.

Keep up the handwashing and social distancing!

Kirstie Baines—Headteacher