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Keeping in Touch with Heronswood

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope this first 'Keeping in Touch' newsletter finds you all in good health and coping well during this strange and difficult time. I hope you are enjoying this precious time with your families. One of the good things that I think will come out of this, is that we will learn how to value how special family time is. Normally, life is so hectic.

The staff team at Heronswood are all in contact with each other and I know that they are all missing school and the children's lovely smiley faces daily. It is very different not seeing you all each morning on the school playground and having to communicate through emails and facebook instead. We would like to thank all Heronswood families for keeping in touch and letting us know how you are. I know that the teachers have loved getting your emails and Facebook updates and have enjoyed receiving photographs of what you have been up to. Keep them coming! **Please do not ring the office as there is no one there!**

I will be sending a weekly 'Keeping in Touch' newsletter every Friday, from now on, to keep you updated as we continue through this difficult time.

Year group teams are currently making more detailed Home Learning Timetables, for you to use at home with your children. Each week, you will receive a weekly overview, outlining English, Maths and Topic activities for the week. We really want to try to strike a balance between providing you with enough work that will ensure that the children will keep on track with their learning, especially in their reading, writing and maths and not overloading you, as parents, so that it becomes unmanageable.

We have already started to think about September, as to how we organise and plan our curriculum to reflect this missed time in school. We are also currently thinking through transition and class arrangements for next year. I will keep you posted. It is difficult to plan too far ahead at the moment, as we do not know how long schools will remain closed. Please bear with us.

School has still been open over this holiday break, for children of parents/carers who are critical key workers. Please do email us if you need to update any requests for emergency childcare, for the upcoming weeks - hwoffice@riverscofe.co.uk.

Please know that our thoughts are with you all and that we are looking forward to a time, very soon, when all is back to normal and we can enjoy school days again.

Take care everyone. Stay home and stay safe.

Mrs
Pierpoint

Head
Teacher



Food Bank Vouchers and Food Packages

If you are finding things tricky and require some support with food, please email us and we will do everything we can. hwoffice@riverscofe.co.uk

Children's Places for Reception 2020

We have received our list from County, telling us we have 60 children going into our Reception classes in September. Unfortunately, at least 11 children have not been given their first choice place at Heronswood as we have been really oversubscribed this year. Don't forget you need to accept or decline the school place you have been offered.

Here2Help: www.worcestershire.gov.uk/here2help

News Flash - All the staff are currently working on something very special. We can't wait to share it!

Free School Meal Vouchers

We know that there have been a number of problems with Edenred nationally, but we are hopeful the technical issues are being fixed and the next few weeks will run more smoothly.

Next week we will be contacting all our FSM families to check you have received your Sodexo and Edenred vouchers.

As we are working from home and school, the numbers will come up as withheld or unknown, but please still answer so we can help you. We will call anytime between 9:00am and 3:00pm.

Thank you for your patience and understanding with this.



Our Heronswood Facebook page is updated daily and an easy way to communicate with us. We hope you have been enjoying the 'Hello' videos from all our Heronswood Staff.