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Dear Parents/Carers,

So today is officially the end of term and thank you if you joined us to celebrate this by taking part in our #Dress4NHS day in which we encouraged children to wear their uniform at home to support the NHS and all the excellent work that they are doing. We hope that you are beginning to settle into your new routine of home learning as a family especially if you also have the challenge of being a parent working from home. We would encourage you to do what you can with your children, make any learning experiences fun and hopefully you have been able to utilise some of the ideas that have been suggested in our Home Learning Newsletters.

<https://www.rothwellschools.org.uk/index.php/for-parents/home-learning-resources> these will now take a break for the holidays and **issue 3 will be available to download on the afternoon of Monday 20th April.** Please take time to read these with your child as the staff will also be sharing news from their homes.



Top of the Rocks

Well done to all the children who have been busy on their TTRockstars accounts this week taking part in our Pathfinder Schools 'Top of the Rocks Challenge' which saw all the trusts in the school play together in a timetable challenge. At the time of writing we had scored an impressive 104,587 points as a whole school. We will update you on any future challenges. Please keep your regular times table practice if you can as this will really support your child's maths learning when we return to school.

Staying Safe Online at Home

As your children spend more time at home and are going to be online more than ever, it is vitally important that children continue to be safe and happy online. Online safety is a vital part of keeping children safe. Whilst learning remotely, we would like to continue to promote the development of safe and appropriate use online. There are a variety of online safety activities you can do at home to explore online

safety in a fun, engaging and educational way.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/support-tools/home-activity-worksheets>

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home>

As your children continues to learn remotely and spends more time online, there is also an increase in the chances they can see something online which isn't intended for them or that puts your child at risk. Whether this is fake news, impersonation, or mean comments, there are lots of places you can go to for help and advice on how to report this behaviour. Together as a family you can also help prepare your children and build their critical thinking skills.

- See something you shouldn't believe should be online go to reportharmfulcontent.com or visit UK Safer Internet Centre – to also report and remove harmful online content
- Visit CEOP for advice on making a report about online abuse
- Speak to someone call Childline for help and support, and for older children 'The Mix' offer free and practical advice.
- Concerned about how to keep your child safe online, go to The O2 and NSPCC helpline

Contact Us

The easiest way to contact us during the closure is via email for the Infants parents.rvis@rothwellschools.org.uk and for the Juniors parents.rjs@rothwellschools.org.uk as these accounts are monitored regularly during the day from Mrs Jackson and Miss Alden who are working from home. Please **do not** reply to the teachers2parents emails which school letters and newsletters are sent from as these emails will not work and bounce back to you.

Talking about Loss

Talking about loss in any form is always difficult for adults let alone children but with children seeing and hearing more on the media we wanted to make parents aware of the following websites as a support for adults and children:

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org/supporting-bereaved-children-and-young-people>

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/stress-anxiety-depression/coping-with-bereavement/>

Mrs Browne is also available to support any parents who may need advice.

Keyworker Childcare Provision

Again, it is so quiet in school and we are missing all of the children. Miss Loomes, Miss Wallace, Miss Roberts, Mrs Rae, Mrs Cossey, Mrs Clipstone and Fiesta Sports have had a really lovely week in school with the keyworker children that have been in each day. The children have spent the first hour playing in the playground each day and have played so nicely together, with some of the Year 6 children organising games for the younger children. We have then done some arts and crafts each day – making suns and NHS thank you notes for the front gates, making papier mache Easter eggs and making paper bag kites. School staff have then sat with the children for lunch. From 12.30 – 3pm Fiesta Sports have taken the children out to play tennis, rounders, tri-golf, hide and seek and space hopper races! At 3pm we have finished the day with a story in the hall. Of course, we had our very own superhero with us too...is it a bird, is it a plane? No, it's Mrs Clipstone!



Easter Holiday Challenge

We will be joining other Pathfinder Schools to take part in the Make A Difference campaign:

Make A Difference

with BBC Radio Northampton

Pathfinder Schools have been asked to take part in BBC Local Radio's *Make a Difference* campaign. BBC Radio Northampton has spoken to operators of sheltered homes in the Kettering area and they say many elderly residents are feeling isolated and would appreciate receiving letters and drawings from local children.

If you would like to help us with this campaign, here are a few guidelines to follow:

- Letters need to be in large type, in a dark colour on a light background
- Only school name, first name and age should be given
- Take a photo or scan of the letter/drawing
- Email the image to head@montsaye.northants-ecl.gov.uk

All received emails will then be printed by the Pathfinder Schools and sent out as a batch to be distributed between residents of Madams Gardens in Rothwell, Hazeland House in Desborough and St Andrews Court in Broughton.

What a wonderful way for Pathfinder Schools to support our local community!



Volunteering

Inspired by a desire to help but limited what can be done from home Jaya in Y6 and her brothers have put together the following suggestions.

Y6 residential trip

We understand that some Y5 parents people have been concerned about payments for our Y6 residential trips in October. Although an original payment plan was scheduled, we understand that some people may not be in a position to make these in the current climate. We will be able to liaise with the residential centre when it re-opens as it is currently closed and will update parents accordingly following that.

Taking a Virtual Trip

As we are unable to take our usual holiday breaks we have added some links to some virtual breaks that you may want to undertake visiting different places to our home learning section of the website.

Thank you for your continued support in what is a difficult time for us all. Please remember we are here to help email us at parents.rvis@rothwellschools.org.uk or parents.rjs@rothwellschools.org.uk

Wishing you all a happy and healthy Easter Break.

Ashley Izzard-Snape
Executive Headteacher



Your community needs you!

During this outbreak of Coronavirus (COVID-19) you have a chance to help and support those individuals in the community who are vulnerable or who are in self-isolation. Help to make a difference.

Your role as a Volunteer can give you a sense of pride and identity as well as a sense of personal fulfillment. It could also provide you with an opportunity to develop new skills, build upon existing experience and knowledge and create new relationships.

Please become a Volunteer in these unprecedented times and take the opportunity to make a difference. Do not miss this chance to help those who need your help. Here are a few organisations that you could sign up with today:

- NHS Volunteer Responders (www.goodsamapp.org)
- The Trussel Trust (Food Bank) (www.trusseltrust.org)
- St John Ambulance (www.sja.org.uk)
- The British Red Cross (www.redcross.org.uk)
- Kettering Borough Council (Community Hug Volunteer) (www.kettering.gov.uk)

Thank you for helping to make a difference.