

The Firs, Keeping in Touch!

Thursday 7th May 2020

You've Got A Friend In Me!

This week it was the turn of our amazing staff in The Saplings to create a great video offering for us all! Mrs Sherry and The Saplings staff wanted to do something to keep in touch and remind the children in our Preschool about the fun times they have and how much the staff are missing them!



Alanah Hamilton has done another brilliant job putting the video together., It features The Saplings staff and the song from Toy Story 'You've Got A Friend In Me'.

It has been another great team effort and The Saplings staff have been very creative and really enjoyed contributing all their

individual parts and the result is a super and very uplifting Saplings video. If you haven't seen it yet, there is a link below:

Please click here for The Saplings video!

[A Cheerful Message From The Saplings Staff](#)

Learning at Home

We hope that the Learning at Home packs continue to be a useful resource for you to help support your child's learning, while children are not in school.

The learning packs for next week will be emailed out today and the requested printed versions are available outside the school to be picked up between 8.45 - 15.30. The pack for next week is 'Summer Week 4 - week beginning 11/5/20'. There are no Saplings packs as these are now going out every 2 weeks.

We are still finding that there are always more packs needed than are requested. **Please make sure that if you want to order a printed version, you complete the Google form** Mrs Ashby sends out on Mondays via email **by the end of the school day Tuesday**. This will then mean we don't have to keep people waiting while we print more. It also reduces the amount of interaction needed, helping to support social distancing. Thank you for your support.

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As part of our 'Keeping in Touch' programme, we will be sending out the Focus Group 1 emails on Monday. Thank you to all the great responses, which have been so useful in keeping everyone 'in touch' and which have provided so many lovely opportunities for

children's work, achievements and experiences to be shared and celebrated. Please keep those responses going, we really value your comments and insights into how your child is getting on. Thanks for your support.

Pictures for the NHS

We will be putting up our display next week so if you have any more pictures you could share, that would be great as we want as many as possible!

Thank you to the many parents who have emailed their pictures. If you haven't yet, you can send your picture **by Wednesday** next week as we will then use them to put up our display in school. We will share pictures of the display with you and on our website.

Bank Holiday and Half term

We just wanted to confirm with parents that the school will be closed as normal.

Future Developments

You will no doubt be aware that the Government will be announcing some of its plans, for the gradual easing of the lockdown, on Sunday.

These plans will, we expect, have some bearing on schools and the partial closure arrangements currently in place. Once the Government has made its announcement, we will begin working, in liaison with the other FARM schools and CBC, to create our own plans, in response to the directives from the Government.

You will appreciate that we will want to carefully consider all the complexities involved in interpreting whatever directives come from the government in our setting. We will need to ensure that we arrive at a plan for our school, which meets the needs of all children, staff and parents, as best as we can.

For this reason, we will need a little time to discuss and formulate plans and we will endeavour to pass on information to parents, as soon as we possibly can.

Thank you in advance for your support and patience!

That's all for now, I hope these weekly updates continue to be useful and that all of you remain well and in good spirits.

Take care everyone.

Adam Campbell
Headteacher

