

NEWSLETTER

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Hello Worsley Bridge. How are we all at this very strange and challenging time? School reopened on Monday for children of critical workers from Worsley Bridge, Alexandra Infants and Alexandra Junior schools. The children are settling well to their new routines and Worsley Bridge children and staff have made our guests feel very welcome. Each school works in their own rooms to aid social distancing but they are experiencing time together at break and lunch (again at a distance) and new bonds and friendships are being made.

I would like to thank you all for respecting the government guidance regarding school and for your messages of support. It really does mean a lot to us all especially as I know other schools having



been facing some very negative feedback. We appreciate how tough it can be to home school, manage work shifts not to mention coping with the isolation from family and friends. We are all in this together and school is here for you. I would like to thank my teachers, office staff and TAs for giving up their daily exercise to deliver home learning packs and thank you for your patience. If your pack hasn't arrived please call the office so we can check we have the correct address on our system.

From next week teachers will be telephoning your homes to have a chat with children. This call is not to 'check up' or put you under any pressure it is just so we can touch base and let the children know that we are still here. It can be a very lonely time and we are missing the children and their families very much. While we are on the phone we would like to find out how home learning is going. Again please be reassured that we know you are doing your very best. We would just like to know what is going well and what you would like us to change. Your voice at this time is very important so please pick up and let us have your feedback (the call will come through as an unknown caller).

I hope you have been keeping an eye on the website. We are going to open a gallery of children's work and home activities. It has been lovely to see sky scrapers from Michael in year 3, fabulous art work from Florence



in reception and Caitlin year 1, that Layla in year 3 has been busy planting and baking. Damien has created a fun video to show how to build an alarm and year 5 have made a dance video that made us all smile. These will all be added to our gallery and we are looking for more things to share. It can be work, projects, models, tips on keeping healthy or even how you are keeping your spirits up and this difficult time. Teachers have been adding video messages too and these will be updated weekly. We are also going to be reinstating our celebration assemblies via the messages to acknowledge that learning is taking place in all sorts of wonderful ways!



Please continue to stay safe and remember we are at the end of the phone if you need us!

Mrs Williams