

27th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers, Children and Families,

I do hope you are all staying safe and well and are continuing to enjoy the sunshine.

Now that we are in throes of the extended lockdown measures, I thought I would remind you of some of the activities that we are doing online to support you at home during these unprecedented times.



500 Rep Challenge - staying fit and healthy!

Some of you may have already taken on Mrs Abbiss' '500 Rep' challenge. This can be viewed on the school website. Mrs Abbiss' recorded time to complete the challenge was 9 minutes and 18 seconds! Can you beat her time? Let us know if you do!

School Website: www.wrens-nest.dudley.sch.uk

Sharing our love of Reading!

Teachers have been very busy doing a recording some of their favourite stories to share with you. Again, please visit our website to view them. They have really enjoyed making them for you - we hope you enjoy them as much as they did when making them for you.



Super Science with Miss Wyer!

Why don't you join Miss Wyer and be a 'super scientist.' Watch her videos and see what experiments she has been doing at home. She loves science and wants to share this and her knowledge with you. Enjoy!

Although we have put lots of things online to support you during these times at home, it is not the same as the great interactions we have with teachers and children that allows great teaching and learning that takes place at Wren's Nest each and every day.

As I said last week, I am dreaming of the day we can open the doors of Wren's Nest again to all children and welcome you back to school, where our love, teaching and learning can continue to grow and flourish.

Mrs Parkes' ideas for the week:

- ☺ Complete Mrs Abbiss' '500 Rep' challenge! What will your time be?
- ☺ Read a story or listen to one read by the teachers on the school website with someone at home.
- ☺ Play a game with someone at home - 'I Spy with My Little Eye', a board game, a bug hunt in the garden.
- ☺ Carry out one of Miss Wyer's 'Super Scientist' experiments.
- ☺ If possible and you have the ingredients, bake some fairy cakes! Google 'fairy cake recipes' to help you.
- ☺ Watch out for a special message from the teachers and grown-ups at Wren's Nest!



HOW to STAY CONNECTED DURING SELF ISOLATION

Parent Hub!

Please, if you are not on Parent Hub, download the **FREE App** on your phone today!

It is an excellent way to keep up to date with everything that is happening at Wren's Nest, particularly at this difficult time.

It will suggest ideas for you to do at home as well as keep you updated with key information from school.

The screenshot shows the Parent Hub app interface for Wrens Nest Primary School. At the top, it says 'parenthub' with a logo. Below that, it says 'Wrens Nest Primary School' and 'would like you to join their channel on Parent Hub.' It then says 'Just tap "Add a School" in the app and enter the handle below...' and shows a blue button with the handle '@WrensNestSchool'. Below this, it says 'The Parent Hub app is FREE to download and use.' and shows buttons for 'Available on the App Store' and 'GET IT ON Google play'. There are five colored dots below the buttons. Then it says 'What is Parent Hub?' and shows a small illustration of a family. Below that, it says 'Parent Hub is a FREE app that helps keep you up to date with what's going on at school. You'll receive messages, pictures, documents and newsletters, all in one handy place.' Then it says 'Instructions for Parents' and shows a list of three steps: 1. Download the Parent Hub app from your app store (iPhone or Android). 2. Create yourself an account. 3. Choose "Add a School" and enter the school handle (above). At the bottom, it says 'Visit www.parenthub.co.uk to find out more'.



Thank you to our children and parents!

To all of our children - we are so very proud of you for doing your bit and playing your part to help at this very strange time. **By staying at home and washing your hands, remembering to stay away from people who do not live in your home, you are helping to beat these germs. You too are a Super Hero!** Well done! Watch out for the messages of thanks from the grown-ups at school!

As always, it remains very important that we continue to support our families during this very uncertain time. Our school mobile phone is continuing to be held by either myself or another member of the Senior Leadership Team and is a way of contacting us, should you need to, so we can provide you with appropriate help and assistance. **The mobile number is: 07858 986604**



Take care of yourselves, **PLEASE remember** we are here if you need us.

I remain hopeful we will see you and your families very soon and that we can all move on to a new and better way of life - creating 'new normal' for us all.

Love, Mrs Parkes (and Dottie!) x

P.S. I hope you like the photograph of Me and Dottie on our daily exercise walk together. It was taken at sunset. I think Mrs Parkes enjoys it more than Dottie the horse!

