

The M Paper

Friday 13th March

GOLD AWARDS

Lila– or excellent fact book writing

Astrid– For supporting her peers

Jenny– For brilliant resilience in writing

Orlie– For an amazing world book day costume

Hazel– For amazing patience and teamwork

Rosie– For brilliant editing of her story

CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

Dear All,

As you will be aware the news around the Coronavirus is changing daily. I wanted to reassure you that we are continuing to receive daily updates from the government and Public Health England which we are following and acting upon accordingly.

At the moment, the government's decision is **not** to close schools. If this measure is put in place, the county has asked teachers to consider ways that materials can be accessed through on-line methods, which we have begun to look into.

In school we have already held separate assemblies for the children to discuss the importance of hand washing and how this will not just help children stay healthy but help slow the spread of a virus or other illnesses. Our cleaning routines have increased and additional materials have been purchased to ensure items such as tables, door handles, taps etc. are wiped down more thoroughly and regularly, alongside our usual cleaning routines.

From today we will increase the opportunities children have to wash their hands and ask them to do it when they first come into school at the start of the day, after playtimes, before they eat and if they cough or sneeze. Staff will also be taking increased precautions and washing their hands on arrival at school as well as during the school day. We will reassure children this is a preventative measure and there is nothing for them to worry about but this virus should be taken seriously.

We will, from Monday, ask parents (apart from Squirrels adults) to drop children at the green gate. If you have a message for an adult in school, please would you consider other ways to communicate this for the short term. If it's very urgent then, of course, it's fine to come into the playground or office. As Squirrels adults are bringing in our youngest children, we're happy for you to continue this in the usual way.

We have decided to **cancel our Stay and Play Baby Group and Forest Schools sessions** on Monday, and **cancel our Open Day on Wed 18th March**. The Well-being day will still be going ahead as planned.

We will, of course, keep you up-to-date with any other further changes.

Warm regards,

Louise Crocker

Headteacher

