

Dear Parents,

Another week has passed, I hope it has done so with care and kindness for you and your families.

It has been another busy week in school and for those 'home-learning'. The children continue to impress us with their resilience and fantastic attitudes towards learning. Thank you again for your unwavering support and patience with this.

I have a few updates to tell you about today. I'm sure you will have by now seen on the news that the earliest schools will reopen is the 8<sup>th</sup> March. I know this may have caused more concern and uncertainty for some, please know we will continue as we are doing with our current provision. We are fully prepared and ready for this.

We have also begun the Lateral Flow Testing in school this week for staff (*not pupils*). Staff can now test themselves twice a week (*voluntary*). Please be aware if a member of staff gets a positive result, they must then get the full PCR test – this could potentially mean a bubble may have to close temporarily until results are confirmed. Depending on the PCR results the bubble may reopen or remain closed accordingly.

On a cheerier note, next week is **National Children's Mental Health Week**. This is something I know we all have at the forefront of our minds at this time. **On Monday at 9am**, we would like the children to watch a **live assembly on the National Oak Academy about this issue**. The children will be doing some work linked to this subject in the week too, whether at home or school. The morning call with your child's class teacher will therefore be at 9.30am to facilitate time for this assembly. I have put the link for the assembly below and the teachers have also set the link within the assignments for Monday too – so you should be able to access it from either.

<https://classroom.thenational.academy/assemblies/childrens-mental-health-week-2021>

Before then, if you are stuck for something to do or after a new idea we have been sent the below link and information and thought you might be interested. I think this is another great way to get our children to be thinking about caring for environment.

<https://friendsoftheearth.uk/take-action/have-fun-together-get-your-planet-protectors-pack-today>



[Have fun together Get your Planet Protectors pack today | Friends of the Earth](https://friendsoftheearth.uk/take-action/have-fun-together-get-your-planet-protectors-pack-today)

Bee-friendly wildflower seeds: create a buzz in your garden with special bee-friendly wildflower seeds. Activity handbook: 24 pages of fun activities including quizzes, nature games and much more! Plastic-free stickers: colourful designs that are perfect for decorating your lunchbox or creating your own planet-saving poster. 10 Tips to Save the World poster: see how many planet-friendly ...

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This weekend is also RSPB bird watch, so it would be great to encourage the children to have a go at spotting and identifying birds they see in the garden or when out on a walk. The children could share their results with me or in their class.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/get-involved/activities/birdwatch>



Which  
**GARDEN BIRD**  
are you?



**#BigGardenBirdwatch**

Well that's all for now. I wish you all a happy and restful weekend.

As always, take care,

Mrs. Cook