

NEWSLETTER MAY 4TH 2020

We have moved into a new month as I write this newsletter; not only have we passed through March; April too, has been and gone and we are now at the beginning of May. This is the start of Week 7 in Lockdown and it is an important week, as the government will be making announcements about the next phase which will affect all of us and the new normal we are experiencing could be different. Also, this week, is the May Bank Holiday which for the first time is on a Friday in order that we can all remember the 75th anniversary of the Allied Victory in Europe which marked the end of the major part of World War 2. I'm sure many of us have heard of some family member who experienced the 2nd World War, personally I remember my dad who was a Prisoner of War for three years in Japan. Through the diary he kept, I learned what hardship and horrors he went through but the inspiration I took from him was his ability to cope with fear, uncertainty and changing situations. This resonates with me in our world today as we all battle COVID 19.

Last week was a busy one in school, I was in for three days and we had fifteen children of Key Workers with us on two occasions. On Tuesday we had heavy rain for most of the day which was the first time this has happened since we started Lockdown school. The children and staff did really well considering we had to stay inside all day. Please could key workers give us as much notice as possible for dates they will be needing between now and May 29th. We will be open during the Spring Bank Holiday week from Tuesday 26th until Friday 29th May for Key Workers' children however we will not be uploading Home Learning as it is a week's holiday so hopefully the children and you the parents will be able to have a week of fun.

I hope your children enjoyed talking to their teacher on the phone last week, I know the teachers were all pleased to be able to catch up with the children and know that they were all coping in these difficult days. It is really important that we try to keep this communication-line alive. They will ring the children again next week but this week continue the communication with you through email. Do remember that if you have any problems with the learning please contact the teacher through the email on your Home Learning page.

If your child has run out of reading material please contact Mr Garvey at ngarvey@eythorne-elmington.kent.sch.uk and he will arrange a time for you to be given new books and to return the books you currently have. Likewise, if your child needs a new Home Learning exercise book him know so this can also be collected from school.

Mrs Bird

This week's poem is written by an 11 year old boy about his Lockdown experience.

The Day the World Changed

Something happened to the world today,
A nasty bug called Covid came to stay.
They told us to wash our hands and it might go away.
But it was not enough to keep the bug at bay.

Lockdown was scary, it made me cry,
I did not want anyone I knew to die.
Schools were closed and shops shut too,
At first I gave a big woohoo!
But then we were told to stay at home,
and soon I began to moan and groan.

Home-schooling started and my Mum tried her best.
But she is not as good as my teacher I must confess.
Being with my family keeps me safe and well,
But sometimes I feel like I'm living in a cell.
An hour of exercise we are allowed every day
Sometimes it takes my sad feelings away.
We clap on a Thursday for the NHS
To show them we know they are doing their best.
Scientists are trying to find a cure,
I am hoping for it soon but I am not so sure.

I wish it was over and it was all like before,
I will make sure I see my family much, much more.
I will never forget the day the world changed,
The memories I have will always remain.

I leave you with this week's prayer which you may wish to share with your children. Stay safe and have a good week, I hope with some sunshine.

Dear Father God,
You taught us to love our neighbour,
and to care for those in need

as if we were caring for you.

In this time of anxiety, give us strength
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,
and to assure the isolated
of our love, and your love,
for your name's sake.

Amen.