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April Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

I have to say this is the strangest newsletter I have ever written! School is a very different place; we have warmly welcomed our Key worker pupils and we thank you for the valuable work you are doing.

We thank all our parents and carers for the wonderful work you are doing in your homes. We are all determined to do our bit to stop the spread of this virus.

We have really enjoyed seeing pictures and hearing about the learning and the projects you are doing at home. Please send in pictures to the teacher's email so we can see your lovely learning. The teachers will call all families over the next week and then will maintain contact. Please do email if you have any questions.

Mr Hull has put several links on our website for you to look at and use. Please feel free to use these as extras. A very important part of these are the mindfulness and wellbeing links. Our children are going to be worried as life has become so different for them. Therefore, it is so important to prioritise their wellbeing. Never underestimate the value of cuddling up for a book, building dens in the garden- if you are lucky enough to have a garden- or dens in the house! Cooking, painting, dancing are all wonderful activities. It would be lovely that as our children grow older they look back on this time as a time of fun and laughter and of growing closer together as a family.

Please also use the links on the website to ask for help or email me or call if you'd just like a chat. We will have new packs available after Easter and will message you to let you know when these can be collected.

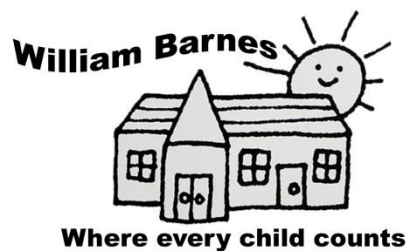
School is closed indefinitely but we are still here for all of you. We are providing a skeleton childcare provision for children of Key workers and vulnerable children. **We know that you know this is a last resort option for parents who have no alternative. The Government have made it clear that staying at home is the best place.**



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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my amazing staff who have risen to the challenge we face and to all my amazing pupils, parents and carers. As I have often said- in a world that you can be anything, be kind.

Please keep in touch, stay as safe as possible and keep each other in your hearts.
Best wishes to all

Karen Wrixon
Headteacher



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