

# NORTH NEWTON COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

**"TOGETHER WE ACHIEVE"**

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Dear Parents

## End of Week 3. Update

Tough week, agreed? Many of us have found this week challenging. Apart from today, the weather has not helped. Remember this time will pass. Please get out in the fresh air and look after yourself. Your children will also be feeling hemmed in, so it is vital they also get a break. Take time away from screens.

## So, what's happening in school?

For the few Critical Worker children, we work from 9 – 12.30, with a break 1030 – 1100 (drink & snack). Lunch is 12.30 – 1.30 and usually we stop working around 2.45pm so we can pack up. Once the children leave at 3pm, we sanitize everything, before the cleaners come in to blitz through. **We prioritise English and Maths, and if we get to the other work – great – of not, that's ok!** On that note, it is lovely to see all the cooking challenges. Hopefully, for those at home, you will see our days are probably like your days at home. We do not teach lessons like we normally would; children work through their Home Learning tasks. Sometimes all runs smoothly, but some days (like Thursday this week) all our technology does not play properly!

This morning, Mrs Clark and Mrs Marsh took the children for a walk down to the canal. They had a lovely time and saw a woodpecker, a robin, starlings, a jackdaw, a collared dove, sparrows, a moorhen, blue and great tits, sheep, horses, guinea fowl, and 4 dogs.... All in around an hour!

In other news...

### **Taylor Shaw – Our Meals provider - suspends business.**

Taylor Shaw has taken the decision to furlough all their staff and suspend trading until Primary Schools reopen. This is disappointing, but symptomatic of many struggling businesses. Children must bring their own packed lunch / drink.

**RSPB – Great Garden Birdwatch... 29<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> January.** Why not take part? It is free, just order your copy online and spend 60 minutes noting all the birds you see in an hour in your own garden.

### **So, when is this all going to end?**

The Government has promised to give 2-weeks' notice for schools to prepare to reopen. As soon as we learn of the date, we will send confirmation to you all, including any specific arrangements required.

### **Weird time fact...**

Yesterday, at 21:21, it was the 21<sup>st</sup> minute of the 21<sup>st</sup> hour on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of the 21<sup>st</sup> year of the 21<sup>st</sup> century! If you did not know - that's ok...you won't have that again until the next century!

Please stay safe and remember, we are all doing our best – it is not easy for anyone...all we can do it is try.

Have a good weekend...it's FA Cup for those who enjoy football – let's hope another lower league team can beat a Premier League team: Chorley v Wolves? Brighton v Blackpool? Sheffield United v Plymouth? Who knows...?

Kind regards  
Mr Arnold