

Marwood Primary School Newsletter

15/05/20

Dear Parent / Carer

The government has asked primary schools in England to prepare to partially reopen from Monday 1st June for the benefit of children's education. This date is dependent upon the government's 5 key tests being met. Links to the government's guidance are below. Many schools have a number of questions about how they are able to safely adjust their environments to meet the government's guidance. Information is being updated daily and I will keep you informed as best I can but I would also ask you not to assume that the named year groups of; Foundation, Year 1 and Year 6 will be able to return on 1st June at Marwood School until it is confirmed.

At Marwood I am working alongside staff and governors to plan how to welcome children back safely to continue their learning. We are working through a checklist and carrying out risk assessments. We do not have the capacity to open for all the groups of children and so in the first instance we are planning to run three teams at school for; Foundation, Year 1 and the Key worker / vulnerable provision. We do not have the capacity to open for year 6 as well at this stage and the guidance asks school to prioritize in the order of; key worker/vulnerable children then the younger age groups. I hope we will be able to do something for Year 6 before the end of term.

Staff and I are missing the families we are not seeing and are looking forward to seeing more children at school again. For the year groups we are expecting, the children's learning will be at school. We hope to be able to continue to offer home learning activities for the year groups not returning to school at this point, though these may look different to the current format. There are no absence sanctions if a child does not return to school when their year group returns; schools are expected to keep attendance registers. I will send out further details of how we will manage return before half term. To help with our planning please email admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk to confirm if your child in Foundation or Year 1 will or will not be joining us.

I will send further details next week.

I am sure that you may have questions. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like to discuss this further.

Kind regards

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Links to Government Documents – Please note these are being updated regularly.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings/coronavirus-covid-19-implementing-protective-measures-in-education-and-childcare-settings>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/reopening-schools-and-other-educational-settings-from-1-june>

It is great having a newsletter to share again and once more a huge thank you to Sophie Lerwill for putting it together. The pictures of activities at home are wonderful – please keep sending them in.

Whatever happens on 1st June our Key Worker and Vulnerable provision at school will continue. If you are a Key Worker (the list remains as it was in March) and you need childcare to enable you to go back to work please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Half – Term Monday 25th to Friday 29th May – To allow staff a break before a possible return on 1st June we are only offering key worker child care where there is no other alternative. Please contact the office – admin@marwood.devon.sch.uk if you think you are in this position.

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Thank you for sharing some of your V.E. Day pictures! Charlie & Ella made Homity Pie, Emily & Oliver made bunting, Lilyann & Nancy made clothes for their teddies and Charlotte & Frannie dressed up in V.E.Day clothes!

Home highlights...



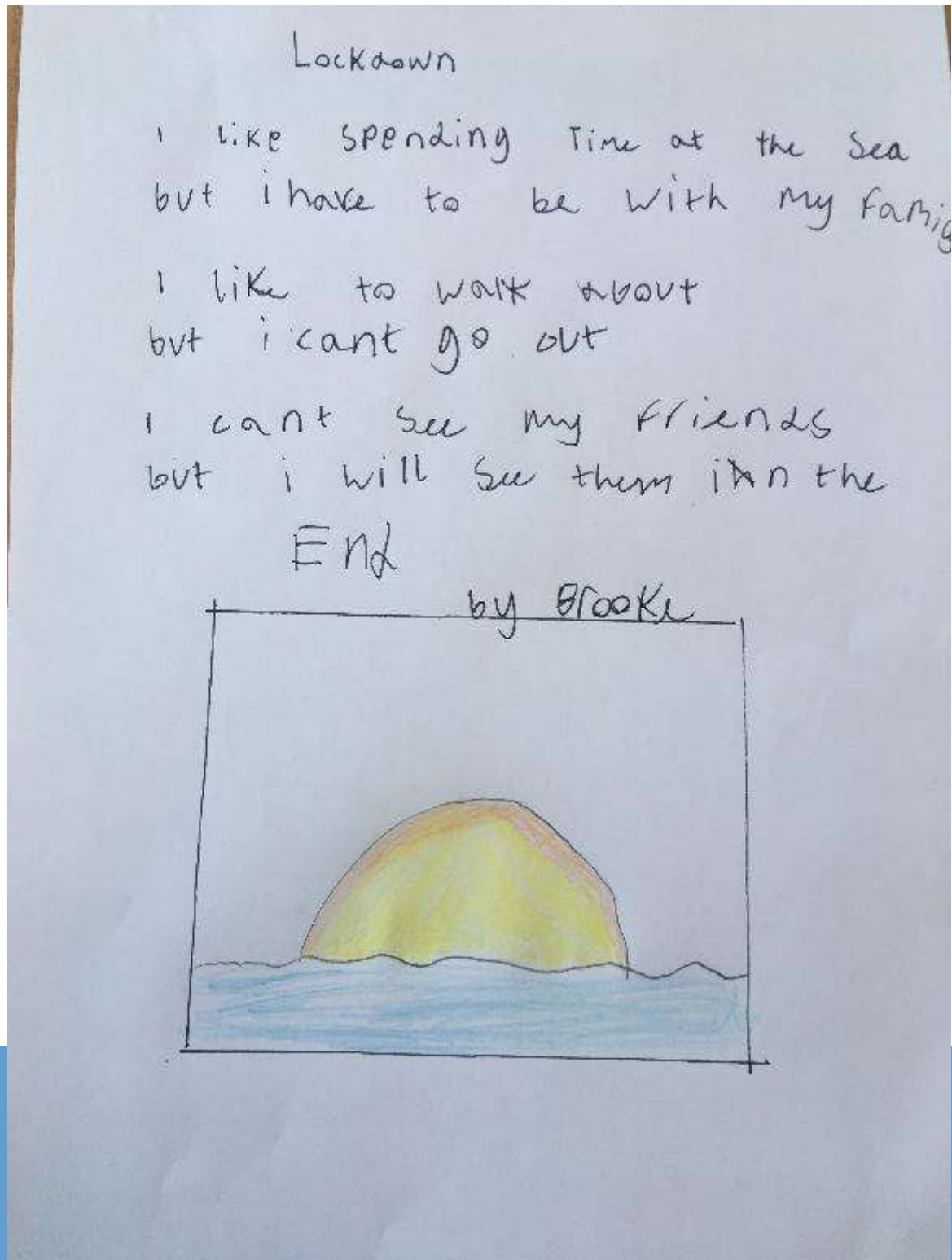
Charlie held a plant and herb sale recently to raise money for Oxfam to help poor countries fight Coronavirus!



Theo made rhubarb crumble and washed up afterwards!

School highlights...

Mrs. Mannell – “Some of the children in school today wrote poems about home learning and their experiences of lockdown. Others wrote and drew pictures about what they have been doing at home. We hope you enjoy them”



The first was
in the center
of the mountain
to people
to people



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I have been doing
masses and reading. I # read
and see with me mum
and dad. I play
box with my dad.

Lockdown

Struggling to understand as the world slows down,
Taking lessons at home in your dressing gown,
Wanting to contact your friends and play out,
But sending out you don't know what to talk about.

Picking up ducks and hugging chickens,
Reading about Charles Dickens,
Grateful for the fact we don't live in the city,
And enjoying family time (when it's not gritty).

Ducklings hatching and growing tomatoes,
Cooking things such as risottos,
Mum's making homemade Cappuccinos,
And I'm making use of old beones,

This is bad but it could be worse,
We will rise to the challenge,
And defeat the Corona virus.

Lockdown is a weined time
But I am doing just fine
We want to go out and play
But at home you've got to stay.

With dogs eating cupcakes and people
And people catching hake
Spending time with your family
Which can be agony.

I've been planting tomatoes
and watering them with the hose
going to the rugby club
To loose a bit of excess chub

But still the glab won't go away
I'm getting thinner every day
My sisters got me on a diet
But I want to keep it quiet.



Mrs. Polak -

“We had cake made by Kit, rounders in the sunshine and made clay lockdown memory tiles”





