



May message

The school value we are focussing on this week is 'perseverance'. Since March 8th, it has been super to see how the children have shown resilience, and are really motivated with their learning this term. Our ongoing focus on outdoor learning has been beneficial for everyone, and it's lovely to see plants and seeds emerging as part of the children's curriculum learning. Lots of wildflowers, minibeasts, and nesting birds have been spotted on children's scavenger hunts on school grounds.

For us all, we look forward to when restrictions lift further, however at the moment can we ask that you also support school by persevering for a bit longer with current arrangements, enabling us to follow our risk assessment. This afternoon, new guidance to schools has been released and we will let you know if there are any changes to current arrangements.

Good News! We have been able to reschedule school photographs for May 26th and May 27th, further details will follow next week.

Thanks everyone!
Mrs Hannaway

Recycling

Reminder – If you have any unwanted large plastic pots, please let us know as we are creating a special feature from recycled materials.

5 Ways to Wellbeing – Summer term

We continue to focus on these five areas that, according to research, can really help to boost our mental wellbeing. This term, the children will be focusing on 'Be Active' and 'Keep Learning'.



5 Ways to Wellbeing

Numbots



In order to help children with Maths fluency - I'm delighted that we will be using NumBots to support your child's maths learning. The creators of Times Tables Rock Stars have produced a platform for boosting addition and subtraction skills, called NumBots. NumBots is an online game and playing little and often will significantly improve your child's recall and understanding of number bonds and addition and subtraction facts. There is also an app to download from the App Store.

Game Types

1. Story Mode – the emphasis is on learning the ideas and concepts behind addition and subtraction so it features more diagrams, shapes and question styles.
2. Challenge Mode – the emphasis is more on speed of recall of key facts, like number bonds to 10, doubling small numbers or adding & taking away in your head.

Your child can access this by using their TT Rockstars log in. Reception will receive their logins today. You can go to <https://play.numbots.com/#/account/school-login/2240> or Numbots app to access the game.

We are delighted to be taking part in the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition to honour the heroes of the coronavirus pandemic - the children will be busy designing stamps in school and we are all very much looking forward to seeing what our budding artists produce – who knows, we may just have a Gig Mill winner who will see their design sent to Her Majesty the Queen, before being printed and issued by the Royal Mail as one of a set of eight stamps designed by school pupils.

First News.

It's really great to see so many of you have signed up for the free subscription to First News, the UK's only digital newspaper for young people, but if you haven't already done so, it's not too late - please [click here](#) to sign up, so that your child doesn't miss out on this fabulous resource.



School Term Dates

Whitsun holiday – Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June Term Ends: Wednesday 21st July

E-safety- for advice and information for parents:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers>

<http://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

<http://parentinfo.org/page/for-schools>

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