

APLEY NEWS

As we reach the end of our second week of adapting to new circumstances, I'm sending this newsletter with the very best wishes to all of our families. The Apley staff have been incredible, each playing their part in organising home learning activities and teaching safe routines, with increased hygiene and social distancing, for those key worker children who we are providing emergency care for. I am really proud of what we have achieved as a school community over the last two weeks.

Please keep checking the school website and twitter feeds as they are updated regularly during term time with the latest news, letters and home learning activities. We will be sending a weekly newsletter again after Easter and would love to see photographs of all the home learning successes for us to share. Thank you to those parents who have already sent some photographs in, they are amazing. It's lovely to see so many taking part in PE with Joe Wicks. Personally, I will be taking a break from this over Easter in order to recover!

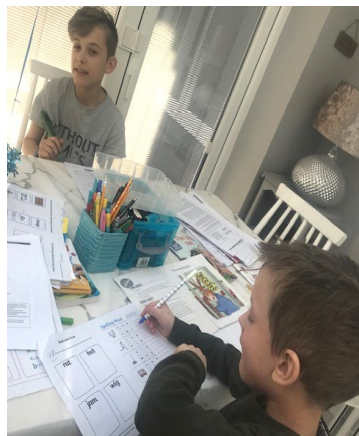
The school office will not be open over the Easter holiday so if you need to contact us please use the main email: A2190@taw.org.uk as this will be checked regularly.

I would like to thank you all for embracing home learning and for your ongoing support. Wishing you all a safe, healthy and happy Easter.

Mrs Smith- Headteacher

Fabulous Photos

We have had an amazing response from so many of you with your lovely uplifting pictures and stories of what you have all been up to at home. We are so happy to share them with you all in this super extended edition of our newsletter. Do keep them coming over the Easter holidays and we will endeavour to share more of your special moments and your wonderful smiles. Stay safe and well everyone and a big thank again for all of your photos. Meanwhile, see how many rainbows you can count. :-) Enjoy! - Sharon.



- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home



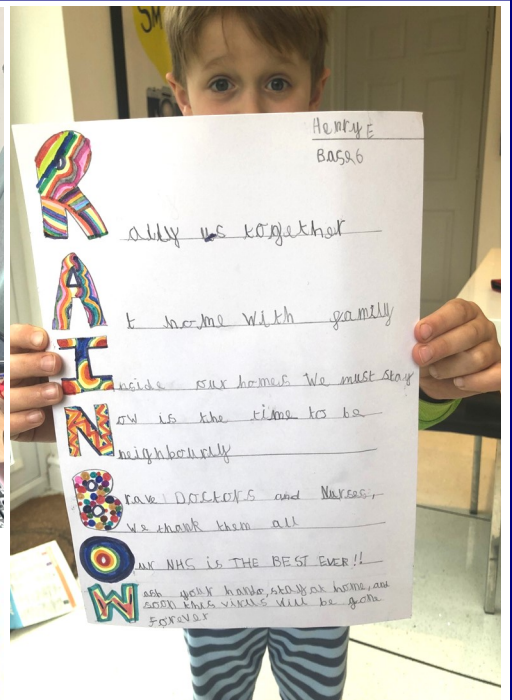
There are some fabulous resources being made available across the Web. Take a look at this link for some great ideas, 30 super Easter and spring projects to entertain at home, with lots of resources and virtual tours for all to enjoy: <https://www.familydaystriedandtested.com/>

If you have any worries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact the school

Easter Themed Bake Off

Following the success of Apley's Bake Off, and with the run up to Easter upon us, why not try your hand at some family Easter-themed baking. Email the school with photos of your triumphs (and your near-triumphs) and we will show them off on the website and newsletter. Ideas could include chocolate cornflake nests, Easter biscuits or for those who like a challenge, maybe even hot cross buns or a simnel cake!

On your marks, get set, bake! - Mrs Williams





Calm Brain Programme

To help parents and pupils in these trying times, the creators of Calm Brain are offering free access to the CalmBrain programme for all Apley Wood parents and pupils. This will give you unlimited access to the 'Jukebox' for the duration of the school closure. All they need are your details.

Email them at calmbrainsupport@calmbrainapproach.com giving the following information:

- Your first and last name (parents name, not the name of the child)**
- Your email address and the name of the school your child attends**

You will then be provided with access to over 100 CalmBrain movements in the Jukebox based on Positive Emotions and CalmBrain Phases. They really do hope that this is of help, and that you all stay safe and healthy in the months ahead.



