



# John Ray Infant School

"learning together, aiming high, proud to be ourselves"

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Dear Parents/Carers

Week 7's newsletter from me comes with lots of positive wishes to you all. And the good news is that we have an exciting Bank Holiday weekend to look forward to!

I have seen some great VE Day decorations being made in preparation for tomorrow's celebrations but was particularly impressed with Oscar in Bumblebees fabulous decorations which took him the whole day to make! Well done Oscar.

We also have the anticipation this weekend of hearing more about the relaxing of the Lockdown measures which will hopefully include plans for schools to return to a new 'normal'. It will be my job next week to plan how we are going to get the children back to school as soon as possible and the school team will be working hard to prepare for the children's return so please bear with us at what we know is going to be a difficult and challenging time for us all.

A few parents have shared their worries this week around returning to school and not having uniform that fits. Please don't worry about this, part of our plans for returning will cover things such as what to do if school shoes and uniform doesn't fit anymore. We plan to be very flexible!

I know how difficult this time has been for everyone but we must not forget the things that so many of you have achieved over this closure period. It has been lovely to see lots of you learning to ride your bikes without stabilisers, bake amazing and yummy cakes and bread with your families, write letters to the awe inspiring Captain Tom, learn to tie your shoelaces without help..... and so many more things to be really proud of. I am a strong believer that there is always something to be grateful for even when times are really tough and you have definitely proved that over the past few weeks.

I went for a little walk this week and was very pleased to see that the bridge is looking beautifully decorated again. Our Foundation Stage teachers left some messages for you there and I know that lots of you have been up to have a look.

Once again, its been lovely to see lots of you out and about on my little walks. It really brightens my day to say hello and see how you are all doing.

And so to my reasons to be cheerful this week. Firstly, we have Blue Tits nesting in to box outside Mrs Darvill's window. They have been very busy this week going in and out of the nest box so hopefully there are chicks inside. Everything is coming into full bloom in and around school and Mrs Pearson is busily planting vegetables in our gardening plot. Thank you to our children in school who are ensuring that everything is being watered well. Even the chickens got a good watering!

And finally, well done to everyone who is taking part in our weekly fitness challenges. We have received some lovely videos of you doing the activities Mr Mills has suggested. I particularly loved Roman's Star Jumps- great counting and star jumping Roman! A big well done too to all of our Keyworker children in school who have been doing our Golden Mile challenge. I have been so impressed with your determination to keep going even when you've been worn out.

Have a restful and sunny weekend everyone. Keep safe

Mrs Mills

