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22nd January 2021

Dear Parents,

I wanted to take the time to write to you all as we come to the end of another week here in school. We continue to think about you all and we send our best wishes to you, the children and your families.

Social Distancing Measures

Thank you for continuing to support us and the measures that we have put into place to ensure that we are continuing to work to keep our children, staff and families safe. As a staff we are working hard to ensure that we are socially distanced from each other. Please can I ask that, if you need to communicate messages to members of the team, that this is done via the school email account or by calling the school as opposed to in person. We really enjoy seeing those of you who continue to come to school to drop off and collect your child and I know that you will understand that we will be greeting you from a safe distance at this time.

Support for Parents

I continue to appreciate how difficult times can be for many of you at the moment and I continue to applaud all of your efforts in supporting your children with remote learning. Whether you are taking part in remote learning or your child is in school, times remain challenging in a number of ways. I am leading Care and Share sessions each week and this is an opportunity for parents to attend a virtual session. You do not need to have anything prepared to say, just feel free to come along and talk in a supportive forum- I assure you that there is no agenda! A number of our parents attended different sessions last week and I am sure that they would be more than happy to share their experience of this. If you would like to attend any of the sessions next week, please contact Mrs Sinton who will send you an invite.

Virtual Sessions

Please see below for the timings of our online sessions next week. It has been lovely to see so many of the children engaging in these sessions and I know that staff members (including myself) have thoroughly enjoyed the chance to connect with each class. If you have any barriers to



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attending these sessions then please do let us know. The link for each session will be posted into the class stream a few minutes before each session is due to begin.

	Session 1	Session 2	Session 3
Willow	Monday 2.30pm-2.45pm	Mrs Guntrip Tuesday at 2pm	Friday Celebration time 2.30pm-2.45pm
Cedar	Monday Check in with a story 1:10pm-1:25pm	Assembly with Mrs Guntrip Tuesday at 9:30am	Friday Celebration time 9:30am-9:45am
Oak	Tuesday Check in and catch up 9.15am - 9.30am	Assembly with Mrs Guntrip Thursday 9.00am	Friday Celebration time 9.15am - 9.30am
Share and Care	Tuesday 12:00am- 1:00pm Wednesday 11am-11:30am		

Staff Messages

Thank you so much for the lovely messages of support that you have sent in to us here at school. It truly means so much to receive your kind words and best wishes.

Please can I ask that, if you have any individual messages for teachers, that you email them to the school email account or call the school office and ask for a phone call. Please do not use Google Classroom to communicate messages as this platform is for remote learning only and we want to ensure that we can continue effective communication with you at this time as this is so important to us. Thank you for your understanding.



Projects

We have loved seeing your rainbow designs and Mrs Sinton is currently working hard to put together a lovely video for us that we can share with you all! Thank you for all of the hard work that went into such beautiful creations!

For our next (optional!) project, we would like you to create a letter from the words 'Dunsford Community Academy.' For example, you may like to create the letter D using paint, rocks, recycling etc. We can then place these letters together to create a collage of our school name. If you have any ideas of future projects that you think would be a great way of continuing to keep our very special community spirit, then please do let us know!

Home and School Heroes!

From next week, we will be sharing pictures on our social media pages of what the children are getting up to both at home and in school. We would really appreciate you sending in any photographs of your child at home taking part in learning, projects, PE sessions etc. By continuing to share the children's learning, we can continue to share our sense of community. If you have any photographs, please can you email them to the school email account. Please can I ask that you ensure that you have previously given consent that these images can be shared on our social media platforms.

I hope that you all have a wonderful weekend. Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes,

Mrs. Guntrip

Mrs Guntrip

Head of Academy