

# Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## Easter salutations!

Well I never thought I would be writing a newsletter to all of you on Good Friday when this term began only a few weeks ago. How our lives have changed in such a short period of time.

We have been open throughout the first week of the Easter holidays and we also have children in school today. The weather has been amazing and we have had so much fun working outside this week!

Once again, I would like to thank all of my team who are working so well together to keep the school up and running for all of the children who are still attending school.

Thank you for all your supportive messages - it still makes Miss Eggleston and I very proud when we receive them from you so thank you!

I would like to remind you that we are not able to offer childcare for anyone who has volunteered to work for the NHS under the recent initiative, as the priority here is to stay at home with your child.

Also, as stated last week, the school provision over Easter will not be learning and there have been no online learning tasks or feedback from the teachers.

I would like to wish you all a very happy Easter and I hope you enjoy one or two cheeky chocolate eggs over the weekend.

## 500 Words Update

On Monday, Miss Keeble received an email from the 500 Words story competition. I'm delighted to say that out of 135,000 entries Cullayn has made it through to the next round with her story entitled 'Hope's Heaven'. Only 5000 go to the Reading Agency for the second round of judging so Cullayn should be extremely proud of her efforts. If you turn to the end of the newsletter, I have attached Cullayn's story exactly as it was entered. If any children entered the competition individually and also got through then please send me an email so that I can share it with everyone.

#### **Heart Rainbows**

During the first week of the Easter holidays we made heart rainbows for people in care homes, who may be lonely or upset. As a school, we understand that during this unfortunate situation others might need something to put a smile on their face. This is why we played our part by making the hearts as even small things can make a difference (written by Nicole M).





## Sponsor a duck

As you may have read over the past couple of weeks, we have 5 new friends of the feathered kind join the school! Our clever Site Manager, Mr Carr, has been busy designing and building their new enclosure for them to move into in the Woodland Walk pond area. We are delighted that we are able to keep them which will allow us teach the children about lifecycles and caring for animals.

They are growing so fast and are enjoying their food and paddles in their water trays. They love to cuddle up together in their bedding material and enjoying being introduced to the outside world in preparation for their move.

Once we know how many males and females we have, we will be excited to gather the first lot of eggs too!

When the children return to school, we are looking forward to introducing them to their new friends and for them to be included in their day-to-day care. School funds (and Mr Carr's expertise) have been used to develop their new enclosure, but we are now seeking further help in supporting the care and maintenance costs of them.

We are offering the opportunity to support the school in this wonderful project through gathering sponsorship. Sponsorship of one of our ducks is suggested at £25 per year and includes your own Duck certification! Anyone wishing to make an extended donation will be offered the chance to name the duck house and a plaque will be made to go above the door. Should you wish to discuss this option, please contact Mrs Cregan in the office via the admin@kingsworthy.hants.sch.uk email and she will contact you. We appreciate that during these uncertain times, this is not a priority so please do not feel obliged to donate but anything you do will be gratefully received.







An option to transfer your donation has been added on to SCOPay under 'Sponsor a duck'. Please note that although this has been set up at the suggested donation of £25 to sponsor an individual duck, you can under or over pay via the same option. We welcome contributions of any amount of course, every penny helps towards helping our feathered friends stay well looked after!

## A message from our Cyber Ambassador for Hampshire:

There is information and helpful resources on the current situation found on <a href="https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/coronavirus">https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/coronavirus</a>.

For support aimed at children of all ages, parents, carers and teachers please visit <a href="www.thinkyouknow.co.uk">www.thinkyouknow.co.uk</a>. Scams can be difficult to identify but there are things to lookout for to avoid becoming a victim. There are also actions to take should you become a victim to any form of scamming. Take part in a live challenge for adults to help stay scam aware <a href="mailto:spot, Avoid, Report">Spot, Avoid, Report</a>. More information on scams is found on <a href="https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/taking-action/scamnesty">https://www.hampshire-pcc.gov.uk/get-involved/taking-action/scamnesty</a>.

Just a reminder to all students the Think S.M.A.R.T trivia live challenge is going on and results will be published on Wednesday 6 May. Alternatively, enter the code 06896117 on <a href="https://kahoot.it/">https://kahoot.it/</a> to compete in this challenge. More guidance on reporting online issues to CEOP can be found on <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/">https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Get-help/Reporting-an-incident/</a>.

Lastly, reinforcing the importance of staying at home during the current situation #StayHomeSaveLives

#### Marcia

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## **Hope's Heaven**

Bored, I was playing jacks in my bedroom, although it is hard if you were born without three of your fingers. I went up to brush my teeth. But suddenly everything went creamy white

My body rose until my feet were no longer touching the ground. "Help me!" I shrieked. It was no use. Slowly, I drifted higher and higher into the baby blue sky. Desperate I banged against the surprisingly strong force field blocking me from the outside. That's when I realized my fingers... All ten of them there... Had I gone mad?!

Finally, I had stopped uhh... Floating. I had definitely gone mad. A figure appeared. She had hair like snow, a dress flowing behind her like a waterfall and a diamond tiara. My heart skipped a beat. She seemed to be looking straight at me! "Are you alright?" she said in a soft gentle voice. Amazed I stared at her. She gestured me to speak but all that came out was "stooble co madoo!" Great first I get stuck in a stupid force field and now I can't talk to a fairy princess

In confusion, she murmured to herself. I must have looked like an idiot! It was quite awkward. Soon, she realized I was stuck. The bubble disappeared! "Are you crazy!" I screamed. Then I noticed I was floating in mid-air!!!

After a while we reached a breath-taking view. I watched children run in the distance I seemed to recognise one though. I got closer (for a better look.) delighted, I dashed towards her. "Diana! Over here!" I stopped gasping for breath. She cocked her head towards me, but then her eyes widened "Hope!" she said "What are you doing here!?"

"Don't know!"

"I'm not sure how to get back." I told her

"What is this place anyway?"

She hesitated, "Hope... this is Heaven." Perplexed I shook my head "That's not possible!" unshed tears were building in my eyes I felt empty inside, I fell to my knees "I guess this really is the end." I said in shock.

"Come with me" Diana said.

Lost I followed, each step getting closer and closer although I didn't want to walk anymore.

We reached a wooden door with overgrown vines and weeds. I took a deep breath then knocked on the door. I peered through the keyhole. No answer. Angry now, I knocked harder. Still, no answer. Fuming, I kicked the door "This is stupid!" I shrieked but then the door creaked open. My face turned red.

"Come in." said a voice.

"Please! Help me!" The meltdown replayed.

"Calm down." she said like everything was fine. She moved her hands concentrating hard. Diana hugged me tight "I'll miss you." She said with tears rushing down her face. I smiled then let go. Soon after, a blinding light shone.

My eyes opened. Loving arms wrapped around me. I was home... Finally. I looked down at my ice cold hands. I had seven fingers... Again. But that's okay.

By Cullayn (6K)

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