



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well and beginning to adapt to what is for the moment our new normal, however it is important for us to remember that it won't be forever and we look forward to all being back together again, once it is safe for us all to do so.

Such a lot has happened over the last two weeks since my last update and there have been many things for us to say thank you for. The first of these is to yourselves and your children, for taking the time to put a smile on the faces of all of our team (and we are not embarrassed to admit to a tear or two as well). For anyone who hasn't seen the videos, I have attached the links below. I'm sure you understand what I mean when I say that on those more difficult days, they are wonderful to look at and give us all a huge boost.

RECEPTIONS VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/EQEQoCCGPbo>

YEAR 1'S VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/hH2YgZsYr8Q>

YEAR 2'S VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/jTWCeiepagl>

YEAR 3'S VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/WCyP8xgGHE8>

YEAR 4'S VIDEO:

<https://youtu.be/nXhxg66CmUo>

Not only did you put a smile on our faces but also on the faces of our truly amazing NHS staff at the Alexandra Hospital with the bunting that our children created. How can we ever be grateful enough for what they are doing at this time with their selflessness to care and protect our community? So thank you to our PTA team for organising this and to each family that took part.

HOME LEARNING GALLERY:

Firstly, the team are really missing seeing what the children are doing and achieving during their learning at home. With this in mind, today we have established year group emails for Years 1 to 4, as our Reception parents can continue to use Tapestry.

year1@vfs.endeavourschools.org

year2@vfs.endeavourschools.org

year3@vfs.endeavourschools.org

year4@vfs.endeavourschools.org

This will enable you to email examples of your child's work so that we can see what they have been up to (**please note that these must be still images only**, not video content). This work will then be displayed on our school website in our year group 'Home Learning Gallery' where their efforts and achievements can be celebrated.

Please note that when you submit something via the year group email addresses you will only receive an automated response and **using the MyEd app or office email address remains the only method of communication with our team.**



However, can I ask that parents and carers **read the following guidance closely:**

- If you send in work which has your child's image on it, then you will have automatically given permission for your child's image to go onto the website.
- There is no need for a child's name to appear on the work. However, if choosing to put a child's name on the work this must only be their first name. For the work will not be uploaded.

VAYNOR BEDTIME STORIES:



Today we have also launched our **Vaynor Bedtime Stories** on the 'Home Learning' page of our school website. You will be able to 'log on' on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday to see a different member of our team telling you a story. Our **first one is tonight**, it is there waiting for you and is being told by Mrs Dunstan.

Earlier today you will have received a letter about an Inter Sport Competition for all Redditch schools. We are hoping that you will all get involved, so that we can once again be victorious and add another trophy to our collection! Who knows, we might even have a few snap shots of our Vaynor team taking part in this on our website over the next couple of weeks.

HOME LEARNING FOR NEXT WEEK:

Our home learning for next week is all based around the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II, in order to give our children an understanding of the celebration.

We would love you to email your year group emails with photos of your VE day creations, parties, garden decorations, cakes or hats so that we can share them on the website and we will then use a selection of the images to make a special VE day commemorative video.

FUNDRAISING FOR TEENAGE CANCER TRUST:

Charlie one of our Year 4 children is doing the equivalent of a half marathon over 24 hours today and tomorrow to help raise money for the teenager cancer trust and a few other charities. If you have a few pennies to spare and want to support, please follow this link to the fundraiser page:

<https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/fundraiser-portal/fundraiserPage?pagelId=1167496>

So goodbye for now, and I'm pleased to say that again all of our team are safe and well. So please look after yourselves and for those of you whose lives have been impacted by this virus our thoughts are with you, and we are here if you need us.

