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Dear families,

We just wanted to take this opportunity to thank you for all of your support during these first three weeks of the partial school closure whether you're at home or in school. Having your support is a huge comfort and we know everyone has had to quickly adapt.

Seeing all the children, both at home and in school, each day during their video call makes such a difference: the children being able to play games, share their learning with each other and receive feedback is so important. With this, thank you for engaging in the new style of delivery for the children's home learning.

Despite the quick transition to remote learning, already the school is engaging with their spring topics as well as having great fun in the snow last week.

From EYFS, thank you for all of the lovely comments, photos and videos on Tapestry letting us know how you are learning at home. It is great to see how much you are enjoying the videos, stories and activity ideas at home and in school. Please keep sharing them as it makes our day.

Willy Wonka has paid a visit to Year 1 & 2 and set them off on their chocolatiers adventure as they discover all about our local key figure Joseph Rowntree. It's lovely to see the children discover their own personal links to Nestlé.

Years 3 and 4 have been exploring life during the Tudor times. They have been designing, drawing and building Tudor houses and have been learning about the Tudor family tree. The children have been busy at home investigating states of matter in science, practising their drawing skills and hearing stories read by their teachers.

Year 5 and 6 are discovering what life was like as a child in WWII. Year 6 have also had the opportunity to discuss 'Holocaust Memorial Day' with local expert Colin Jackson and created a poem of thanks, 'You are my Light'.

We have also sent thanks to York Hospital with individual cards in this time when moments of happiness brighten the day.



Please note that to protect our children the school gates are locked between the hours of 8.30am and 9.05am and 2.45pm and 3.30pm. If you are travelling to school by car during these times please be aware that you could be locked in the school car park. Please find alternative parking outside the school gates, if required.



We are so pleased that so many of you have been sharing your work via Tapestry and Google Classroom - we love seeing it and look at every post. Moving forward, please ensure your child has submitted their weekly work.

In EYFS and Year 1, please upload onto Tapestry a close-up picture of your child's work and we will comment on it. With any written work, please make sure it is legible.

In Year 2 to 6, completed 'assignments' need to be uploaded onto Google classroom in the classwork tab. Specific tasks, identified by the class teacher, will receive written feedback and next steps. In maths, children will be given the opportunity to independently complete their work within the week using answers provided to self-check. On a Friday, children will complete a Google Forms quiz to identify their progress in learning.

If you're not sure of where or how, please just message into school. Mr Hattam has become our Google Classroom pro and is on-hand to help.

Our daily Google Meets will also be used to give whole class verbal feedback and next steps across different subjects as well as celebrating children's individual successes.

Tapestry and Google Classroom will only be monitored during the school day.

You can see some great examples of our spring term learning via Twitter.

<https://twitter.com/WfieldPrimary/status/1352286051033882626>

Well done and our sincerest thanks,

The Westfield Team



We have received some BEAUTIFUL cards and goodies from local school children this week thanking all of our staff for being 'real life heroes' throughout the Covid-19 pandemic.

Our staff have been working flat out and this is just the pick me up we needed! #ThankYou 🌈💙



You are my light

Created by pupils at Westfield Primary Community School as part of their commemoration of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Thank you for protecting me,
For making my future bright,
For making the world a better place.

Thank you for making me smile,
For making me laugh,
For helping me when I'm struggling.

Thank you for cheering me up,
For going on walks with me,
For playing games with me when I'm bored.

Thank you for making me happy every day,
For being my friend.
For being there.

Thank you for helping me find the light in the darkness.

