



Worth Valley Primary School NEWSLETTER

23 April 2020

Headteacher's Message



First and foremost, I sincerely hope you are all safe and well as we approach the end of the fifth week of school closure. I know I speak on behalf of all the staff when I say we all miss the children terribly and cannot wait for the return of some sort of normality. There has been a lot of unhelpful speculation in the media recently with regard to when schools might open. Schools receive daily updates from the Department for Education which is taken from the daily government briefings and as soon as we have any clear direction we will of course communicate information to you. As a school, we would love nothing more than to re-open at the earliest possible point but we can only do so when the national evidence base proves that this will be safe for everyone.

We have heard lots of positive stories about how the children are getting on, and we have enjoyed seeing some of the wonderful artwork and learning they've been doing at home. That said, this is an incredibly difficult time for many families for many different reasons. If there is anything school can do to help, please contact us. My direct email address is c.lodge@worthvalleyprimary.co.uk and Mrs Barnes, our Parental Involvement Worker, can be emailed at tonya.barnes@worthvalleyprimary.co.uk. There is also additional information on our school website.

Take care everyone.

To maintain regular communication, the teaching staff will be contacting families by phone this week and next. For most classes, teachers will phone from school. However, Mrs Boothroyd and Mrs Batey will be contacting pupils from home—if you receive calls from an unknown or withheld number this may well be school checking in to make sure everyone is safe and well!

Year 4 parents: unfortunately Miss Metcalf is unwell at the moment (not Covid-19 related). Please bear with us until Miss Metcalf returns to full health. If you need anything in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Barnes using the email addresses above.



Free School Meal Vouchers

Thank you for your patience whilst we continue to work extremely hard to provide free school meal vouchers to our eligible families. Whilst the delays and processing difficulties continue somewhat, it would appear that around three quarters of families are now redeeming their eCodes. For those families opting to receive paper vouchers, these have been sent out this week for values which bring you up to date until the end of this week.

If you have not received your eCode email, please check your junk mail and inbox for an email from noreply@edenred.co.uk which contains your 16 digit code. Alternatively, if you would prefer for your vouchers to be sent by post, please email me directly and I can arrange to do so from next week.