



**Lydiard Millicent CE Primary &
Ridgeway Farm CE Academy**
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Keeping in Touch Letter

Friday 24th April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a good week and enjoyed the warmer weather - sunshine can make things feel a little better.

Thank you for all you are continuing to do to support your children during this time. We are listening carefully to feedback from parents and continuing to adapt. This situation is new for us too and we do spend time seeing what other schools are doing and getting ideas but, ultimately, we have to focus on what we are able to make work for us and it is important that what we offer is consistent and tested and can be sustained. We don't know how long we will be learning and working in a different way and so you will see that we have made some tweaks to the remote learning provision (see below) and we are also busy planning for what the next phase might look like.

Remote Learning

On the school website you will continue to find learning projects on the Remote Learning Page. Instead of the supplementary activities being added mid-week, we are publishing all learning at the same time. So each Friday, at 5pm, you will find the learning projects for the following week plus a link to the class pages where you will find year group specific topic tasks as well as a message from the class teacher.

Contact

It has been lovely to see the examples of learning and activities going on at home. You can email a message from your child to the class teacher as well as sending any learning or photos. The photo does not need to be of any of the tasks set on the website, we know families are busy doing many things and so we have added a selection of the examples we have received this week over the two schools to give you some ideas. I know that many children have welcomed the replies from the class teacher and we know that this contact is so important, especially at this time.

You will also find a 'hello' video message from the staff team on each school website - on the remote learning pages.

Don't forget that if you have any worries, including financial ones, you should get in touch. You can email either [admin@](mailto:admin@lydiardmillicentceps.org) address or call us on 01793 677471 during school hours. We have access to different types of support in Swindon and Wiltshire and if we don't have the answer, we will do our absolute best to find someone who does.

Safeguarding

During this time, more children and young people will be spending more time on their computers and phones. Of course the internet is a great source for information and education but there can also be issues and risks that come with the increased use of time online. Please see guidance for parents/carers sent in the ParentMail today.

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Support

I have also attached some ideas you might like to use for praying together as a family. You will also find on our website next week a link to a script for a worship linked to our value of Service. Your children will be very familiar with the format and they may like to do this with you.

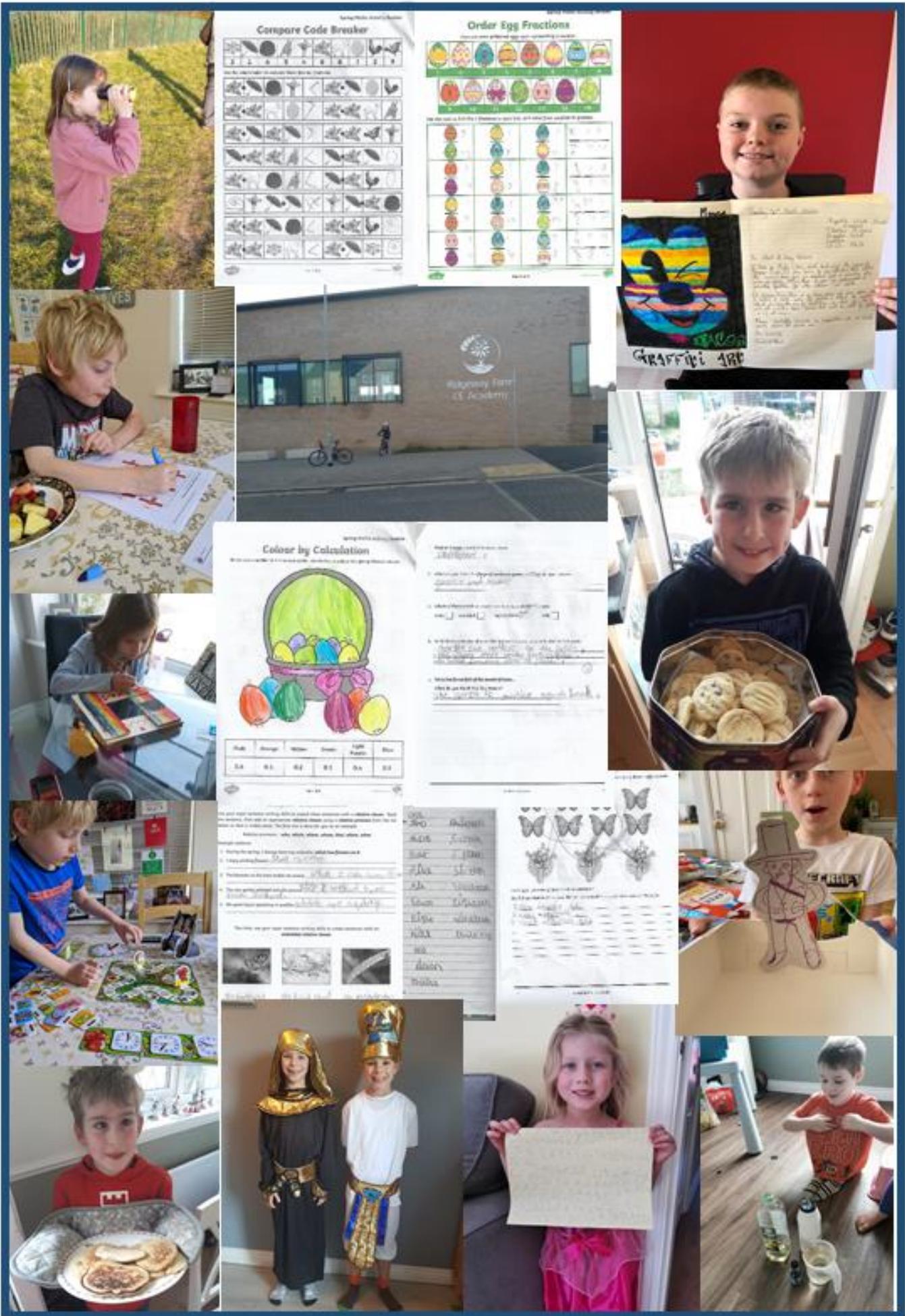
We know that many of you are balancing learning with your children and working from home. We do understand how tricky this is - many of our staff are in the same situation and I want to repeat our previous message about not putting too much pressure on yourself. Please don't add extra anxiety to your situation by worrying about your children 'falling behind'. We have attached a support booklet for parents issued by Wiltshire Council.

We will continue to support as much as we can and when we know when and how schools will be reopening then we will make a plan and share it with you. We know that children will be at lots of different places/stages in their learning but teachers and TAs are experts at teaching children at different places/stages and when we are all back together, that's what they will continue to do. What matters at the moment is everyone staying well, mentally and physically, and doing what they can. That's all we ask.

With very best wishes,

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