



**Lydiard Millicent CE Primary &  
Ridgeway Farm CE Academy**  
**Believe ~ Learn ~ Grow**



## Keeping in Touch Letter

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are all keeping well. I can't quite believe it has been two weeks now since the schools closed. Hopefully you have been able to find everything you have needed to support you with learning at home. So much can be found on each school website - on the Remote Learning pages, including the learning projects created by the teaching teams and some resources to help your family with anxieties or worries during this time. We have a few brief updates for you at this time and we have also sent a letter today from Jeremy Piper, our CEO.

### Easter:

The learning projects will continue again after the Easter holidays as will communication with class teachers via the class emails - please feel free to keep sharing things and teachers will respond again after the Easter break. Home learning projects for the week beginning Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April will be posted at 5pm on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April.

In order to provide some support over the Easter period, our Key Stage Leads have been busy gathering some Easter-themed activities which will be available from 5pm today, on the Remote Learning pages of each website. These are purely there for you to access should you need them and there is absolutely no requirement that they are completed. I have also included some activities at the end of the letter that you may wish to do as a family.

The onsite care will still be running, with the exception of Good Friday and Easter Monday, so that those who are critical to the Covid-19 response can continue to work, and so, should you need to contact a member of the team, please use the admin emails or 01793 677471. We are operating with a small number of staff on site each day so please be patient with us. We have also attached a poster giving the details of School Nurse Support available to families.

### Safeguarding:

As we turn to different ways of keeping in touch with each other at the moment, our safeguarding team thought that parents may find the following information helpful:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/blog/2019/12/24/what-is-the-houseparty-app-what-parents-need-to-know/>

### Free School Meals

If your circumstances have changed and you think your child may be eligible for Free School Meals, you can apply to Wiltshire via this link:

<https://pages.wiltshire.gov.uk/schoolseducationandlearning/schoolsandcolleges/parentadvice/educationgrants/freeschoolmeals/freeschoolmealsform.htm>

We know that some parents are concerned about not being able to deliver the home learning projects and worries about children 'falling behind' are emerging. We will continue to support as much as we can and when we

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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 for a safe and happy Easter,

Mrs C Luce

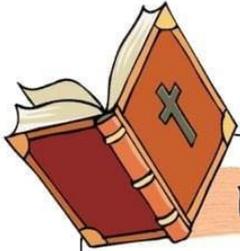
Headteacher

# Together @ Home

Lectionary Edition

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Palm Sunday



Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.

## Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together, the story of Jesus entering Jerusalem on a donkey.

You can find it in your Bible in:

### Matthew 21 v 1–11

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.

### The other passage we will be thinking about is:

Psalm 118 v 1-2 and 19-29

## A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Jesus arriving in Jerusalem. Thank you that you came to be a Saviour for everybody.

As we prepare for Easter help us to draw close to you and learn more about who you are.

We pray for those in the world who do not know you yet. Help them to recognise you as their Saviour

Amen

## Discussion

### A question for adults to ask children

*What did the people in the story shout? What do you think 'Hosanna' means?*

The word Hosanna in Hebrew meant 'save us' – it is the same word you can find in verse 25 of Psalm 118. The people who were welcoming Jesus into the city were recognising Jesus as their Saviour. Jesus' arrival into Jerusalem on a colt was a fulfilment of the prophecies that had been made about him in the Old Testament. He was the Messiah that the people had been waiting for.

### A question for children to ask adults

*Can you think of a time when you had a visit from somebody important or exciting? What happened and how did it make you feel?*

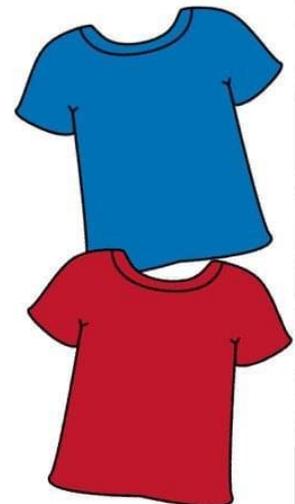
## Family Activity 1

You will need: fabric you don't mind standing on e.g. old t-shirts, pillow cases.

Using just two or three pieces of fabric can you get your whole family from one side of the room to the other?

You are only allowed to stand on the fabric and not touch the floor. You will need to work as a team standing on one piece while you move the other.

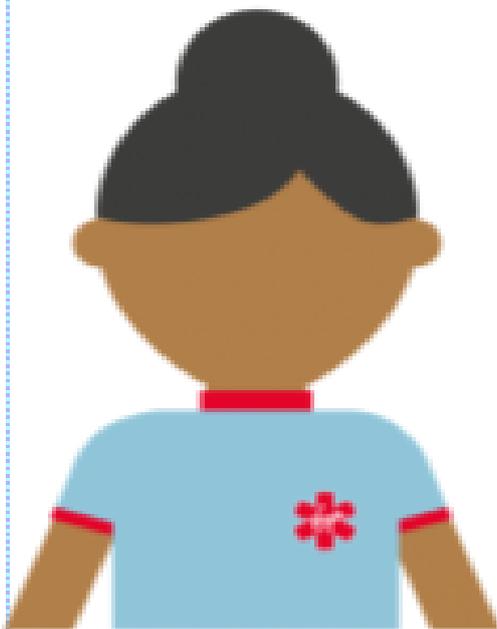
Use this as a reminder of the clothes that the people put down for Jesus to walk on.



# School Nurse Support

Talk to us confidentially about.....

- \* Emotional Health
- \* Physical Health
- \* Sex & Relationships
- \* Drugs & Alcohol
- \* Stress/Anxiety & Worries
- \* Healthy Lifestyles



**\*Chat Health for  
11-19 year olds**

**Available 9-4pm  
07480635513**

**\*Young people can  
phone SPA on  
0300 247 0090**

**between 12-2pm**

**\*Parents/carers can call  
0300 247 0090**

**Between 9-5pm**