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### Spring has Sprung

The sun is shining and there has been real warmth in the sunshine this week. I hope you have all managed to enjoy some safe fresh outdoor time. Now is the time that gardeners are thinking about planting seeds. As school we were just about to launch a sunflower growing competition. But whilst we aren't able to do this in school, we can to this at home.

Your challenge should you wish to accept.....



Follow the link to make your own newspaper plant pot. <https://schoolgardening.rhs.org.uk/resources/activity/sowing-sunflower-seeds-in-paper-pots>

Plant your sunflower seed .

Nurture it, *talk to it*, water it and watch it grow.

When it is ready and if we are not back in school plant it somewhere in your garden or in a bigger plant pot. Again, nurture it, *talk to it*, water it and watch it grow.

Each week, write a brief diary of what is happening with your seed/plant. Don't forget to take measurements – number of leaves, height of plant etc.

Now you may be say 'But Mrs Winterburn, we are socially isolating and we have been told stay at home' – good point well made. If you have any seeds left over from last year please use these, or if you are essential shopping and there are some in the supermarket please add them to your list.

Good luck super seed sowers, don't forget to send in your updates for us to share.

### The week ahead:

- Stay safe
- Home learning
- Safe Outdoors
- Tell your teacher what you've been up to
- Support each other
- Tidy your bedroom
- Be good for your grown ups!

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Hi everyone, It's a bit quiet on the FOSS front these days, but we wanted to say a really big thank you to all parents who supported us on the last few days of term by clearing out 75 Easter eggs - we managed to sell all of them so thank you very much for helping us out, and we hope your children enjoyed a treat. I have never seen Easter eggs move so fast!

We had a great film night too (thankfully in the nick of time!), and feedback so far has been positive, We haven't run that event before so if any children/ parents have any feedback we would be interested to hear it so we can improve for next time. Please drop me an email - [yvonne@coleplanet.com](mailto:yvonne@coleplanet.com) or pass through the school office. Many thanks, Yvonne and the FOSS Team.

### Whatsapp:

There is a very informal Stanton Parents WhatsApp group which was set up a couple of years ago by some mums and is open to everyone. If any parent would like to join, and feel a bit more connected to other Stanton parents at this time, then please email me your contact details - [yvonne@coleplanet.com](mailto:yvonne@coleplanet.com) - and I can add you in. It's also a great way to help our kids stay in touch if we can swap phone numbers. Thanks, Yvonne

## Electronic Home Learning – How will this be shared

From next week Home Learning activities will be uploaded to **Class pages on the school website**. This is different to the class blogs at the bottom of the home page.

Click on the **Class Tab** on the website (this is where our plans, letters etc... usually go). There is a **Home Learning Tab** here. This is where we will be adding work each week. Mrs Pennington will also be **sending out a link each week** which will take you straight to the page, but just in case the link is deleted by mistake you now know where everything is. All files should be pdfs so everyone can view them.

When you visit the school website please look on the classblogs to see what everyone has been up to during the week.

Please use the **class emails for contacting your child's class teachers** and sharing your Home Learning tasks. Please do not go via Mrs Pennington as we are trying to ensure emails go to the correct places and not clog up inboxes. Thank you.

# Online Resources just in.

We have had lots of emails this week from companies sharing free online resources to support Home Learning. Over the coming weeks these will be included as a regular item to the newsletter.

Please **first and foremost** tackle the Home Learning Tasks your child's class teachers have set, but if you are looking for something extra to do there are lots of resources out there and not all screen based.

## National Online Safety

**Unlimited free online safety guides for your teachers and parents via our website:** [www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides](http://www.nationalonlinesafety.com/guides)

**Free digital online safety storybook for children aged 4-8, access here:** <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/guides/online-safety-storybook-digital-version>

## Kidz Fit health and fitness for every child PE, PSHE and Science

During these contentious times [Kidz Fit](#) are encouraging parents and children to access the [Kidz Zone](#) on our website, to keep occupied at home.

On here children can play games, create posters/leaflets/stories, colour in, and do a set plan of exercises to videos. Please feel free to send out at link to all parents and teachers, something to link to the PE, PSHE and Science curriculum's at home.

## Doodle Maths

DoodleMaths has over 20,000 curriculum-aligned questions and creates every pupil a personalised work programme tailored to their ability, making it an ideal home learning solution. It can be used on any touchscreen device or from a desktop, so it's the perfect way for children to continue their learning outside of school.

Over 1000 UK schools are already using DoodleMaths to provide continued learning support for their pupils at home - and you can get started for free today. To find out more, please don't hesitate to reply to this email or visit [our website](#) for further information.

Hello, we hope you are all staying safe and well during this difficult time.



To help provide some fun activities to keep children active at home, Table Tennis England has launched a series of videos based around our TT Kidz programme.

These videos show activities for children and are a nice and easy way for them to be challenged to try something new while they are at home. You don't even need table tennis equipment - you can use a frying pan or saucepan and another type of ball instead!



Over the coming weeks Young Voices will be offering a number of FREE online tutorials, sing alongs and other goodies featuring the YV team.

Tune in to the YV Facebook page tomorrow (Thursday 26th March) at 11am to see our Musical Director Craig McLeish kick us off with an Elevensies with Craig vocal warm up and sing along.

[Elevenses with Craig](#)

You can see one of the videos below and more in the series can be found on the [TT Kidz Play at Home website](#).

We'll be posting loads more shareable ideas and challenges on our [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#) pages in the weeks ahead, so follow us now!

Please share this information if you are able and ask people to let us know via Twitter if they try any of

Hello Team Stanton

School seems very strange without everyone in it. But we know the reasons why and how important it is to keep ourselves, our community and indeed our country safe. We all have an important role to play in doing this.

We hope that you have enjoyed the Home Learning task set this week. Your class teachers have enjoyed touching base and I, reading from your teachers notes, all about the things you have been up to. Here are just a few of the photos you have been sharing with us this week. Keep sending them in.

Keep using the class emails to keep in touch with your teachers and to share your fantastic learning. We have had a few emails from families. Please can we ask that if children are sending messages to their teachers this is done through their parents accounts. Year 6's, I know that at secondary school you will have your own email addresses but on this occasion please use an adults so that they know what is being communicated to school.

Systems of communication will evolve during this challenging period of absence and who knows video conferencing might even happen! But not just yet !



Me in the distance!!!!

## Woof! A message from Beau

Hello my Stanton friends. What a week. I was quite excited when Monday came and we didn't get up as early or whizz off down the motorway. I thought I would get lots of cuddles and walks and attention but no, everyone in the Winterburn household was on their computers or talking through their computers— I'm bored! I would rather be snuffling around school and spending time with my Stanton friends.



Mrs Winterburn has been taking me for a long walk in the mornings. On Monday, the fields were still quite squelchy but today much drier—but I still had to get my paws washed before I was let back in the house!

I so enjoyed my walk to the woods with Darling Class last Thursday (it was very muddy then too).

Stay safe, be good for your grown ups and I will see you all soon.



# Community News

**For immediate release**

## **Wiltshire Council publishes directory of volunteer groups**

Wiltshire Council has published a directory of community volunteer groups that have been set up throughout the county, in the wake of the ongoing COVID-19 situation.

So far, Wiltshire Council has been made aware of more than 100 groups that are supporting their fellow residents throughout Wiltshire during this difficult time.

Although not a formal endorsement of the groups, Wiltshire Council thought it would be useful for people to know the support that's being provided in their communities and their contact details, should anyone wish to get in touch with them.

### Community News

The directory can be found online at <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/downloads/22069> - and will be updated as regularly as possible.

Wiltshire Council Leader, Cllr Philip Whitehead, said: "The communities of Wiltshire have risen to the challenge of COVID-19 to make sure people are supported through this very difficult time.

"Although our directory isn't a definitive list, we hope it provides a good understanding of the type of support that's out there. We hope this helps people link up with local groups and helps facilitate even more support.

"I'd like to thank everybody for their efforts and for doing Wiltshire proud – we will be there to support any group that needs us."

To help understand how many groups have been set-up and the support they are providing, the council has also put together a short survey to capture the relevant information, which will give them a good understanding of the great working taking place. The survey can be found at <https://app.sli.do/event/mhop2vsw/live/polls>.

Dear Parents, Carers and Young People,

We are aware that it is a very anxious time and there may be concerns about where to access support in coming weeks should there be school closures or you needing to self isolate.

As a school nursing service we would like to let you know we are here to support you during this time.

For secondary school age young people:

- We have set up a confidential telephone drop-in service Monday to Friday 12-2pm. Any young person that would like to call and speak to a qualified nurse on the end of the phone can call 0300 247 0090 Monday to Friday 12-2pm and speak to them.
- We also have our CHAT health text service so you can text a school nurse for advice or support for any health issues or worries, again this is confidential and you don't need to give your name if you don't want to the number is 07480 635513

For parents of any school age child:

We have duty school nurses available at the end of the phone Monday to Friday 9-5pm should you require any support with your school age child. This is available permanently for all parents to access for advice and support. If you would like support please call one of our nurses through our Single Point of access on 0300 247 0090

Regards

Wiltshire School Nursing Service