



Tuesday, 5 May 2020

THE CORBET SCHOOL

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to the fifth weekly update and things continue this week as they were although I think that following Boris Johnson's updates next weekend I am hoping that we may have a little more guidance about what things will look like going forward and that we can start to plan for some sort of return to normal. Thank you for continuing to support the students with their work and generally keeping things going in these very strange times.

Half Term: School will be closed for the half term break from Friday 22nd May – Monday 1st June 2020. There will be no work set on SMHW during this time.

School closure: a polite reminder that school will be closed for the Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May 2020. On Friday 8th May (Bank Holiday), teachers will not be asked to set daily work for students or to reply to messages on Show My Homework sent during this time.

VE day: I do hope that we can all spend some time during the day finding out a little bit more about what life was like 75 years ago. There are plenty of national and local events to virtually join in and the BBC have produced a film to help students find out a bit more <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks2-ve-day/z7xtmfr>. At 11.00am there will be a national two minutes silence for those who sadly lost their lives and at 3.00pm The Nation's Toast to Heroes of World War Two, a round of applause and maybe a socially distanced party street party. The Queen will address the nation at 9.00pm; the same time that her father George VI did in 1945. It would be wonderful if any of our students do have relatives or friends who remember the day could perhaps talk to them about it and let us know what they found out? Perhaps even an opportunity to make some bunting or try out some recipes from the 1940s.

Whole school communication: We will continue with the weekly update on a Wednesday and please do continue to look out for e-mail updates throughout the week from other members of staff.

Due to school being closed and only skeleton staff in school please can we ask that if you need to contact us to do so via email: admin@corbetschool.net. This will allow us to direct your question to our staff who are mostly now working from home.

Teaching & Learning: A survey will be sent out to Year 10 pupils via Show My Homework this week to gather feedback about how they are coping with working from home and whether there are any further support mechanisms the school can feasibly put in place. The intention is to send a similar survey to other year groups in due course.

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Children with additional needs: Mrs Stokes and Mrs Davies continue to make weekly well-being phone calls to parents of children with EHCPs and to carers of Looked After Children. Annual Reviews and PEP meetings due to take place this term, will still go ahead and either Mrs Davies or Mrs Stokes will be in contact shortly to explain how we will facilitate this, moving forward.

Pupil Support: Please could we take this opportunity to thank all our pupils for following the government's guidance regarding lockdown rules and encourage them to continue to follow them. With the weather continuing to be fine and sunny, there will be the temptation to meet friends at local places such as the village hall, reservoir or village green. PC Crump is continuing to monitor these areas carefully.

Year 9: On Monday 4th May, Mrs Millward and the Year 9 tutors messaged pupils via SMHW to see how they were coping during the current lockdown. If your child has not replied to the message, please prompt them to do so.

Menu for next week: Monday Folded Chicken Naan, wedges, mushroom, onion and pepper mix, Tuesday Roast beef dinner, Wednesday Sweet and Sour chicken, rice and veg, Thursday Spicy beef pasta sauce, pasta and green beans Friday Fish, chips and curry sauce. All served with a drink and a cookie or cake.

Wellbeing: The Wildlife Photography Competition closed last week, and it has been a difficult but highly enjoyable task judging the competition. The winners will be announced on SMHW but thank you to all the pupils who entered. It shows what a beautiful part of the country we live in and what talented photographers we have.

Site access: In line with recent guidance on 'non-essential travel', neither students or parents/guardians will be able to come into school to collect items. We will update you when the situation changes.

Finally, please continue to contact us with any questions and concerns using the admin email address and stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely



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