Hi everyone!

So, we’re at the end of our second week of working from home, and many of you are probably starting to miss school – who’d have believed it? Even the teachers are desperate to get back! The next two weeks are what would have been our Easter holidays, so teachers won’t be setting work until the 20th April.

In our school we talk a lot about the importance of RELATIONSHIPS - it's one of the four "R"s of Ready to Learn, and now, more than ever, we all need to be looking out for each other, showing kindness and consideration and caring for others in our community where we can.

DONATIONS FOR THE NHS

The science department have donated 20 pairs of safety goggles and 12 boxes of latex gloves to the NHS for use as Personal Protective Equipment. Meanwhile, Mr Bullock and some of the DT staff came into school this week to manufacture some face masks to donate too. It’s not much but every little surely helps!

BEATING THE BOREDOM

So, you’re stuck at home, no going out, no meeting up with friends – but try to remember that if you’re feeling cooped up, fed up and irritated sometimes – so are others in your family!

There are lots of ideas online for things to do if you’re at a loose end. Maybe now’s the time to try cooking, baking, gardening, drawing, reading or a new hobby – or even tidy your room!

If you’re lucky enough to have grandparents in your life, give them a call every few days – a 10-minute chat will probably make their day.

COMMUNITY DONATIONS

As a school, we’ve tried to do what we’re able to do to help, by running a food bank and taking essential supplies to the elderly and in need, as you might have seen on social media. Miss Whittham and Miss Cox have been absolute heroes, as well as all the people who have donated and put the parcels together.
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Best Wishes
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Infectious disease outbreaks, like the current Coronavirus (COVID-19), can be scary and can affect our mental health. While it is important to stay informed, there are also many things we can do to support and manage our wellbeing during such times. See the links below for sources of advice and support:

- [mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing](https://mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing)

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