

Love Children Summer 1 Week 1 23/04/2021 Love Learning

Open Gates



School Value Focus: Sense of Belonging

Dear Parents,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and were able to enjoy the longer days and warmer weather. It's so wonderful to start the summer term with **all our children together at school**; they look so smart in their uniforms!

This week has been as busy as ever with children **immersed in purposeful learning from the get-go**. On Thursday we focused on a matter very close to our hearts at Two Gates. One of our eight school values is '**Protecting the Environment**' and with April 22nd being **Earth Day** the curriculum was focused on learning about how we can all live our lives in a way that '**Restores Our Earth**'.

Many children have **made pledges** to change their behaviours in small ways e.g. to save energy, reduce litter, protect nature and reduce pollution.

Please see the photos below and on our Twitter [@2gatesprimary](https://twitter.com/2gatesprimary).

You can find out much more about Earth Day on their amazing website earthday.org

Reminder:

Next week is a four-day week, with a teachers' development day on **Friday**.

Monday, May 3rd is a Bank Holiday and the school is closed for the local elections on **Thursday, 6th**. Teachers will post learning on Seesaw for May 6th.

Parent consultations will take place on 6th May - you will have received information this week. Please **book your appointment** as soon as possible; we are really looking forward to speaking with you about your child's well-being and learning.

Although the Prime Minister's Covid lockdown easing roadmap is on track, we all have to continue with our strict Covid opening plan to keep everyone in the school community safe and ensure we minimise the risk of illness, or the need to close bubbles in school...

Whilst rates of new cases of Coronavirus in Tamworth are falling they are still higher than the national average and household mixing is the biggest factor in this. Please stick to the lockdown rules. What you do at home impacts on the safety of everyone at school and our own families too.

Follow this link to your nearest test site if you want to pick up lateral flow tests for your family:

<https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/findatestcenter.html>

Please remember we are here for you and your children and if you need to talk, just call us at school 01827 213 855 or drop us an e mail- office@twogates.staffs.sch.uk

Keep safe and kind regards,

Nêst Llewelyn-Cook
Headteacher



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

EARTH DAY

Children can apply for a Blue Peter Green badge and become a climate hero. All they have to do is complete 3 pledges over 2 weeks (they are really simple) and send in evidence (pictures etc) to Blue Peter by 19th June.

[Click here](#)



In keeping with Earth Day, Year 5 have been considering the ways in which they could reduce their 'Carbon Footprint'...as you can see, Ethan has a much larger carbon footprint than McKenzie!



Year Two have been thinking about ways in which they can help restore the earth. We were inspired by the story "Greta and the Giants" to think about impact on planet earth. We have then made pledges about what we are going to actively do to help the earth.



The children in Year 6 have been making their own biomes using pop bottles, soil, seeds and water. We cannot wait to see what happens!



ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO PAY YOUR WATER CHARGES?

[Click
here](#)

If you are a Severn Trent Water customer and require assistance, apply for help today via:

THE BIG DIFFERENCE SCHEME

- You could receive up to 90% off the average Severn Trent water bill through the Big Difference Scheme
- Eligibility for the scheme is based on all household income (excluding housing entitlements, Disability Living Allowance, Personal independence Payments and Attendance Allowance)
- If you are eligible for income based free school meals it's likely that you will qualify for the Big Difference Scheme

HOW TO APPLY:



APPLY ONLINE AT
WWW.BIGDIFF.CO.UK



COMPLETE THE ONLINE
APPLICATION FORM



SUBMIT YOUR
APPLICATION

The Big Difference Scheme is funded by Severn Trent Water, which offers significantly reduced water charges to some households on a low income.

Apply now: www.bigdiff.co.uk




60-Second Vegtastic Lunchbox Hacks

Veg are a key part of a healthy diet but it can be a real struggle to get kids to eat enough of them. Adding an extra portion or two to their packed lunch will help to up their intake. Try these simple ideas to **veg-pack their lunchboxes** with limited faff.

The basic toolkit:

- **Containers** (small and lidded for dips, leftovers and more)
- **Cutlery** (if needed)
- **Thermos** (any heat-retaining flask is great for soups, baked beans, leftovers, etc.)
- **Bamboo kebab sticks** (optional, but helpful for making veggies more fun)



Top tip: Know your portions – a child's portion of veg is roughly 50g or what fits into a child's hand.

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We are going to
be sharing many
more pictures
and videos of the
work we are
completing

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COVID RATES REMAIN HIGH IN TAMWORTH

Let's tackle this - book a test today

staffordshire.gov.uk/testing



How you can help tackle COVID in Tamworth Everyone
can do something to control coronavirus.

There are really simple steps that you can take:
stay at home - in line with government guidance
stick to hands/face/space guidelines.

Get a regular rapid COVID test at one of our community
testing centres

Have the vaccine when you're offered it. There is now a
seven-day-a-week
community testing site at the:

**Ankerside Shopping Centre,
Unit 30, George Street,
Tamworth,
B79 7LG**

Staffordshire residents can walk-in as they do their
essential shopping or you can book in advance if
preferred at:

<https://staffordshire.zipporah.co.uk/TrackAndTrace/>

Diary Dates

DON'T FORGET

We are not in school on
Friday 30th April and
Monday 3rd May

Thursday 6th May is
voting day, school will
be closed to children



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**KEEPING
CHILDREN SAFE
ONLINE**

SafeToNet is an app
for parents to help
them safeguard their
children from online
risks like cyberbullying
and sexting, whilst
always respecting their
child's rights to privacy.
The SafeToNet
Foundation is providing
UK families with
free-for-life

access to the SafeToNet safeguarding solution
during coronavirus. Using the code: **SAFE**, parents
can get free access to the app which has wellbeing
activities and adds a safeguarding keyboard to the
child's phone.