

• Hello everyone •

What a strange week it has been! Since last Friday we have had only one class in school with a much reduced number of staff too. Well done to them all for keeping Tortworth School going under such difficult circumstances. Everyone else has been at home self-isolating and working hard on either setting home learning or, in the case of you and your children, doing home learning. We hope that you are all keeping well and have successfully managed to balance all the demands on you during this topsy-turvy week. We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 24th November** and getting back to normal school life again.

We are pleased to say that Bethan Adams, who will be our Head Teacher from January, is coming to visit the school on **Thursday 26th November**. She is really keen to meet you and is going to be at the school gate at the end of the day to say a socially distant hello.

• Notices •

Flu Vaccines

On Friday, the Peregrine class received their vaccines. The rest of the school will be vaccinated on Tuesday 8th December.

• Wagtails •



This week has been Anti-Bullying Week and Monday was Odd Socks Day. Some of us wore odd socks for the day and there are some pictures of our feet on the Wagtail page of the website. We also had some sock puppets made and odd sock designs and **Ryan** made a fantastic video with his puppets about bullying.

Earlier in the term we read the book Owl Babies and this week we were making up our own stories about nocturnal animal babies. There are stories about kittens, hedgehogs, bats and foxes to name but a few and great illustrations too.

We have also been learning about day and night with some help from Seymour Science on BBC Bitesize and the children have drawn and labelled pictures of what we see in the day and what we see at night.

The children have been keeping in touch and letting me know about what they have been getting up to. We had a slightly chaotic virtual get together on Teams on Thursday morning and it was lovely to see everyone. (If I do it again I think I will do it in year groups!) Well done Wagtails! I have been really impressed by how hard they have been working.

• Kestrel •

Self isolation has not stopped our fabulous Kestrels from working hard this week! They have enhanced their comprehension skills in English by answering questions about the Iron man and written a tasty menu for him to enjoy. They have also been busy learning fractions in maths as well as practising their times tables on TT Rockstars and Purple Mash. On top of that they have been earning extra coins to buy more pets on Sumdog by completing challenges.

Some Kestrels have been joining in with the new Joe Wicks workouts and some have been keeping their bodies and brains active by using Supermovers.

We are extremely proud of how much work has taken place during this period and although it's lovely to have most Kestrels on the google classroom, we are really looking forward to having them back in school on Tuesday!

• Peregrine •

Well, what a week! It has been very strange being the only bubble in the school but it's been ok, we've been able to have the whole playground to ourselves and we have enjoyed the space but we do miss seeing everyone else.

We realised in our maths word problem solving how important it is to practise our reading comprehension. In our robot history work we found out about robots that help us. Thank goodness we don't have to do some of the jobs and go to some of the places that robots are used for.

In French we have learnt how to greet people, introduce ourselves and ask how others are. In science we revised how to build circuits with a simple switch. We were really lucky to have two whole hours of PE on Tuesday as we were given the whole time that we would normally share with the rest of the school. We all slept really well that night!

We are looking forward to having everyone back in school next week and hope you have all kept safe and worked hard at home.