



Kennet Valley C of E VA Primary School

Curiosity, Compassion, Courage

Friday 12th March 2021

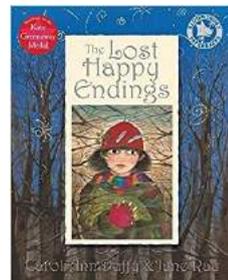
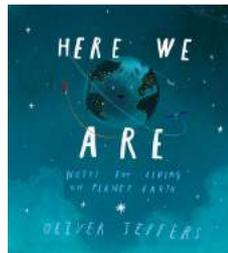
Welcome Back!

We were all delighted that the whole school re-started school again on Monday. It was really lovely to hear the noise in the



school and see the children coming back together with their close friends. Although it was clear that some children (and parents) felt a little nervous about being back, everyone quickly settled in and it feels like we have never had to be in lockdown at all. I have loved being able to see all the children and how they are getting back into learning with their class teachers and TAs, and I feel very lucky to hold the position that I do. It has served to remind me of the importance of the whole school community and that it is vital that the school continues to support the children and families as much as we can in the future. Please don't forget that if you need anything that we may be able to help with, that you only need to contact your class teacher or speak to me.

Before starting back, the staff team decided that we would base the work for the coming weeks on two books - Here We Are by Oliver Jeffers and then The Lost Happy Endings by Carol Ann Duffy. Our planning for English writing is based upon these books but



we are also using them for other aspects of the curriculum such as PSHCE, art and design, and Design Technology. I know that staff and children have really enjoyed this week's work and I have added lots of photos to the newsletter for you to see. I hope that everyone continues to have a good term. Many thanks - Mrs Russell



Message from the Governors.

It was a wonderful, and long-awaited sight to see the whole school back together this Monday morning. As the parent of a home-schooler, my son and I felt a mixed bag of emotions. Whilst I was delighted to shed the responsibility of 'teacher' I also knew that I would miss my son and the constant interactions we had throughout the day. Teddy, my eldest, was extremely excited to see his friends again, but nervous that he had forgotten the day to day routine of school life. By the end of the day he confirmed that he had felt nervous at first, but that he had a lovely chat with his teacher to reassure him that this was completely normal... by Day 2 it was like he had never been away!

I cannot thank the staff enough for everything that they have done over lockdown in terms of their support for us. Whilst I would never like to homeschool ever again (!) I feel the school made it as easy as it possibly could have been for us as parents.

Angharad Hughes

Friends Association Update

A big thank you!

The whole of the Friends Association wanted to give a big shout out to Franki De'ath (Freyja's mum) for supporting the Friends Playground fundraising. Franki runs Mystic Aura Melts and is currently offering £2 from each pack of 'Slushie' wax melts towards the fund. You can order by visiting her website ... www.mysticauramelts.co.uk



So a huge thank you from us all!

Playground update - Friends are having a community meeting about the playground developments on Thursday 8th April. We would love any of our parents and community neighbours to join this meeting, where you will find out more about the plans to update and improve the play ground in the coming year.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Well what a fantastic start we have had! This has made it especially tricky for the teaching staff to decide on who is their Stars of the Week.



This week the following children have been awarded Star of the Week for their attitude and fantastic work. Well done to them all.

- Reception - AVA**
Year 1 - JOSEPH
Year 2 - ANNIE
Year 3 - KARLYA
Year 4 - ERIN L
Year 5 - FINLEY
Year 6 - ARTHUR

Covid Reminders

The main symptoms of coronavirus are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

Most people with coronavirus have at least 1 of these symptoms.

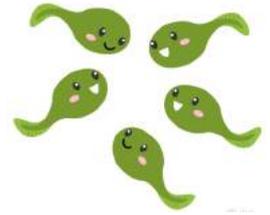
What to do if you have symptoms

- Get a test to check if you have coronavirus as soon as possible. You and anyone you live with should stay at home and not have visitors until you get your test result – only leave your home to have a test.

Anyone in your support bubble should also stay at home if you have been in close contact with them since your symptoms started or during the 48 hours before they started.

New Members of the school!

Wrens class were delighted to welcome new members to their class this week - a huge group of tiny tadpoles! Mrs McQue and Mrs Alexander were delighted when Walter brought in some wibbly wobbly frogspawn from his pond at home. Since Monday most of the tiny eggs have hatched and the tank is busy with miniature tadpoles swimming about.



The class are fascinated by them, as are the staff (especially me) and we are all watching them grow by the day. Mrs McQue has also been very busy researching how to keep these mini monsters happy and healthy. She has found out that they like to have fresh pond or river water weekly and enjoy feasting on blanched lettuce !

We will keep you updated on their progress over the coming weeks.



Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 17th March – Blue Bubble PE at school

Wednesday 24th March – Blue Bubble PE at school

Wednesday 24th March - Wednesday 31st March
(Year 6 Bikeability Training Programme Dates)

Wednesday 31st March – Blue Bubble PE at school

Wednesday 31st March – Green Bubble Easter Service @2pm
(more details to follow)

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Thursday 1st April – Blue Bubble Easter Service @2pm
(more details to follow)



Thursday 1st April - Last day of Term 4

Monday 19th April - First day of Term 5

Monday 19th April - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 21st April – PE at Kennet Valley Hall – Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 26th April - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 28th April – PE at Kennet Valley Hall – Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)



Monday 3rd May - May Day Bank Holiday Monday – school closed

Wednesday 5th May – PE at Kennet Valley Hall – Blue and Green bubble.
(Collect from the KVH)

Monday 10th May - Years 5&6 British Fencing Association Grade I Training

Wednesday 12th May – PE at Kennet Valley Hall – Blue and Green bubble.
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MAY HALF TERM

This week in pictures!

