



Wilden VA Primary School



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Spring term 2021

Friday 5th February

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Half term: Monday 15 February - Friday 19 February 2021
Ends: Friday 26 March 2021

Summer term 2021

Starts: Tuesday 13 April 2021
Half term: Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June 2021
Ends: Thursday 22 July 2021

Listening to parents has told me that many of you value the great relationships between staff, pupils and parents. However, some of you have said that more communication from school to home would be appreciated. We have therefore decided to reinstate the weekly newsletter. Please do not get too excited as these days there is not much news to share! Children are doing great things in class and I know from dojo comments that children are also doing great things at home but there is no music, sport or exciting events to report.

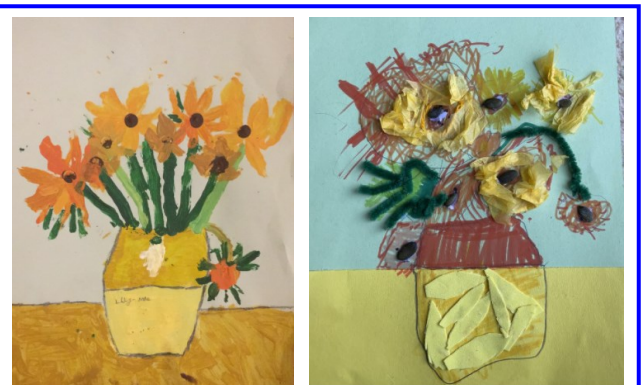
I joined the school on 4th January - we had already planned to fully open on 5th January. On the evening of 4th January, Boris Johnson announced another lockdown and said primary schools would only be open to keyworkers - another set of plans! As new teachers, heaven knows what Mrs Redley and Mrs Boshoff must have been thinking on their first 2 days at Wilden but I think we have made a great start on our remote learning offer. The government then announced that the remote learning offer needed to be the same at school as at home and that this offer would be quality assured by senior school improvement advisers - still more plans. Well, I can't tell you how grateful I am to the staff and children at Riseley for the warmth of their welcome and immense commitment to your children that staff have shown in my first month. I am sure most of you already know that I am Executive Headteacher (a posh word for being a headteacher in more than 1 school) for 2 days per week at both Riseley and Wilden.

Staff are working hard to improve the remote learning offer and we welcome feedback, including that which is difficult to swallow. That said, I am sure parents appreciate that in a 1 form entry school, the class teacher is responsible for both home and in-school learning. In 2 or 3 form entry primary schools, 1 of the teachers will stay at home and teach remotely all day whilst their year group partner teacher teaches the keyworker children back in school. At Wilden they have to accomplish both.

Dare we believe that March will see the end to lockdown with all children back in school.....that is the heartfelt wish of all the staff ...and I imagine many of you are thinking the same at the end of a week juggling all your family priorities!

Enjoy what you can from the weekend.

Clare Claxton, Interim Headteacher Riseley and Wilden

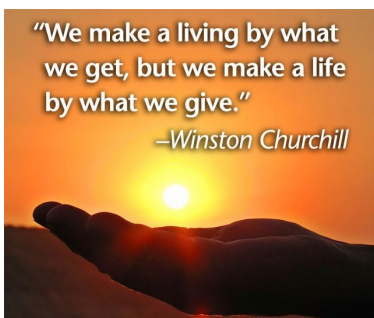


Squirrel Class are currently learning about Vincent Van Gogh and they have replicated his sunflower painting. The children have used all different types of materials to create their own and they look fantastic!

Our Value of the month is Generosity

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."

-Winston Churchill



Golden Notebook Nominations

Week ending 5th February:

Charlie W, David, Max, Marco, Amirah, Marley and Hayden

Value Nominations

Aria, Grace PP, Seb, Merryn, Winter and Blake

Well done to everyone