



Newsletter

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope that everyone is safe and well.

It's hard to believe that we are at the end of the second week of our closure and at the start of what would have been the Easter holidays.

I will upload this week's learning project this afternoon which helpfully focusses on the local area, as that's the only place we should be at the moment!

Although it will technically be the Easter holidays I will still upload the learning projects for those that require them. I recognise that you may want a break from completing activities with your child but there may be some which want to complete activities because you are stuck at home! Please continue to look at the 'Home Learning section' which is updated at least weekly.

We had an amazing response to the request for rainbows pictures. They are fantastic and it is lovely to see the children again! Please continue to send them in and pictures of any other activities which your child has completed whilst at home. Thank you.

I was saddened to hear that the children's author Michael Rosen, who is most famous for writing the book 'We're going on a bear hunt' is very poorly in hospital with severe Covid-19 symptoms. I have included one of his poems about the NHS. We are very proud to remain open to care for those children who are NHS workers and to them and all the other important key workers we say, thank you.

These are the hands

These are the hands
That touch us first
Feel your head
Find the pulse
And make your bed.

These are the hands
That tap your back
Test the skin
Hold your arm
Wheel the bin

Change the bulb
Fix the drip
Pour the jug
Replace your hip.

These are the hands
That fill the bath
Mop the floor

Flick the switch
Soothe the sore

Burn the swabs
Give us a jab
Throw out sharps
Design the lab.

And these are the hands
That stop the leaks
Empty the pan
Wipe the pipes
Carry the can

Clamp the veins
Make the cast
Log the dose
And touch us last.

Michael Rosen

As Children's Poet Laureate, Michael Rosen was commissioned to write this poem to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the NHS in 2008. It is reproduced here by kind permission of the author.

If you do have any questions about learning, concerns about your child's/families wellbeing during the closure please do not hesitate to email me on head@holtsmereinfants.herts.sch.uk we are happy to help.

Take care,

Mrs O'Connell

Kara from Reception showed us some of her work from the Early Year's project focussing on 'Family'. Thanks for sharing Kara and keep up the good work! Remember if you have any photos of your home learning, rainbows, baking etc. we would love to see them, please send them to head@holtsmereinfants.herts.sch.uk ☺



Rainbow pictures



Laura



Isla



The Hettle family



Aryan



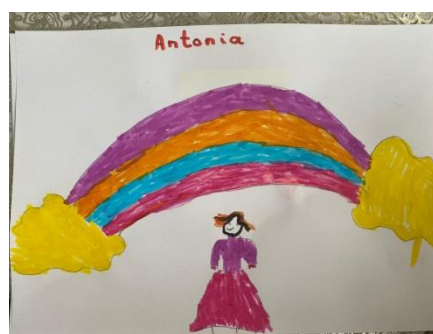
Savannah



Tilly



Alex



Antonia



The Knights and the Hockley's practising social distancing and sharing rainbows!



Polly



Lucy



Adifaah



Amelie