

## GLADE NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents, Carers, Children, Staff and Community!

Welcome to the first of our EASTER updates. The weather has been and promises to continue to be pretty good which is a fantastic support in keeping our morale up in the current circumstances.

### **FREE SUPPORT BOOK**

Thank you to Mrs Peck for spotting this great resource: Axel Scheffler has illustrated a digital book for primary school age children, free for anyone to read on screen or print out, about the coronavirus and the measures taken to control it. The book has had expert input: Professor Graham Medley of the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine acted as a consultant, and the company also had advice from two head teachers and a child psychologist.



The book answers key questions in simple language appropriate for 5 to 9 year olds:

- What is the coronavirus?
- How do you catch the coronavirus?
- What happens if you catch the coronavirus?
- Why are people worried about catching the coronavirus?
- Is there a cure for the coronavirus?
- Why are some places we normally go to closed?
- What can I do to help?
- What's going to happen next?

This can be found on [www.nosycrow.com](http://www.nosycrow.com) website then search for coronavirus

### **Mental Health**

It is so crucial to maintain all of our mental well being at this time. By going to [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk) and searching coronavirus, they have 10 tips to coping during lockdown.

Also [www.NSPCC.org.uk](http://www.NSPCC.org.uk) (then searching coronavirus) also gives a wealth of support from how to work from home to talking through children's anxieties.



Please also remember that you can call us on 01842 811580.

### **Class Dojo:**

As you will be aware, staff are not uploading or marking any work during the two-week Easter break, but they are still checking their messages regularly and all classes have a second contact as well.

We have been calling those parents we have been unable to contact through Dojo in order to stay in touch with everyone. Anyone having problems with the Dojo can contact the school and support will be provided as soon as possible.

### **EASTER**

Some of you may have seen the news from New Zealand where the Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has told all the children that the Easter Bunny is classed as a key worker although the bunny might not get to all houses at this time. She asked for children to create Easter treasure hunts for others through pictures etc. More on this news story can be found on CBBC Newsround website.

All of us at Glade would like to wish you a lovely Easter break.

### **And finally...**

We are still at school, if you have any questions, or there's anything we can help with then please do send us an email ([office@gla.eastern-mat.co.uk](mailto:office@gla.eastern-mat.co.uk)) or give us a call (please don't pop in)...the office is manned between 8.30am and 3.30pm, and there's an answering machine to pick up messages outside of these times; we will get back to you.

Stay home; protect the NHS; save lives.

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