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### Message from Miss Talbot

Dear Parents,

Summer at Godinton is going to feel very different this year. Usually, this is one of my favourite points in the school calendar as it's the time we have our Sport's Day and our Summer Fair, it's when we start to get to know our new September starters and when we mark Year 6s end to their seven years with us. The circumstances we find ourselves in mean that we are having to do lots of creative thinking about how we will bring this year to a close.

We will be contacting new intake parents over the coming weeks regarding revised arrangements for the transition to primary school. Depending on how national circumstances progress we may be able to move some taster sessions to a later date and are looking at using Zoom or Microsoft Teams to make face to face contact with all our new families before the end of term. We are very much looking forward to getting to know all our new children and want to ensure that our families feel as supported as possible.

And we want to be able to say a proper goodbye to our Year 6 Leavers and to wish them well with their move to Secondary School. The Year 6 team are working on the best way to do this, even if this means that we aren't able to all get together until after we have broken up. We are in contact with the local secondary schools and will be sharing information with their staff remotely, ensuring that they have all they need to support our children with the transition.

Thank you for all the continued support you are giving to the school at this time. Please let us know if there is anything that we can do to help.



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## Class News...

### VE Day Celebrations



This year marks the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two and to celebrate VE Day, our traditional early May Bank Holiday was moved from a Monday to a Friday.

I have enjoyed seeing the photos we have been sent of our children involved in socially distanced street parties and joining in with our challenge to make a homemade medal to mark the occasion. Some of the school staff also enjoyed their own activities for VE Day at home. Mrs Day's scones look delicious!



VE Day in school was very quiet with just two children in school. They spent the day with Mrs Crowfoot and Mrs Ellis making medals, playing games and decorating cupcakes.



## Bubbles

We have started the first phase of reopening this week with extended numbers of key worker children returning to school. These children, from Year 1 upwards, have been arranged into 6 bubbles initially and will remain in these groups for the rest of the academic year. These bubbles are being led by Mrs Jones, Mrs McGoldrick, Miss Jones, Miss Attenborough, Mr Smith and Mrs Clark /Mrs Pemberton.

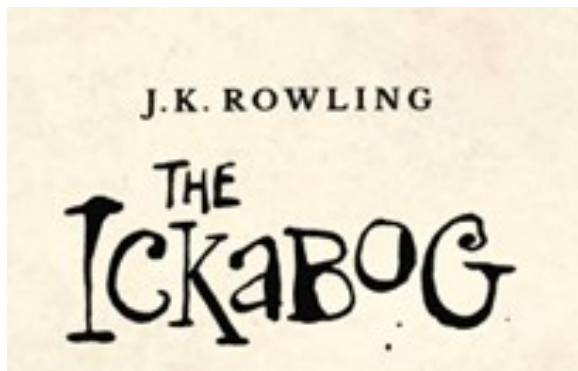
If you are a key worker and need a place at school for your child, please contact Mrs Partridge at [schoolclosure@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@godinton.kent.sch.uk) and she will advise you of the arrangements. We still have some key worker places available but once bubbles are full and we reach capacity, we would be unable to accommodate further key worker children. We are encouraging all our key worker children to attend school every day—this will ensure that they are able to get far greater consistency with learning within the classroom.

In addition to our key worker bubbles we will also be welcoming some of our Year R children back to school from Monday 8th June. These bubbles will be led by Mrs Christopher / Miss Marsh, Mrs Day, Mrs Walker and Mrs Kelleher. Parents will receive a call from either myself, Mrs Stein or Mrs Partridge over the next few days to see how you are all getting on and to answer any questions. Year R parents are then asked to confirm whether or not they would like their child to attend school so that we can finalise arrangements for the following week. They should do this via email to [office@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@godinton.kent.sch.uk) or phone on Thursday 4th June.

With the number of key worker children in school having risen significantly over the past few weeks we will be very limited in the number of non key worker places that we are able to offer to Year 1 and Year 6 children in the coming weeks. I will keep parents informed as to the availability of places.

## Something to try at home...

### Illustrators at the ready!



Some of you may have seen that JK Rowling (the author of Harry Potter books) will be publishing a new book, *The Ickabog*, in November of this year. Unrelated to Harry Potter, this new book is a fairy tale which takes place in the fiction land of Cornucopia.

Every day, she is releasing chapters online for free, leading up to 10<sup>th</sup> July. Excitingly, she is asking children aged 7–12 to create illustrations to be included for each chapter. Some of our children will be having a go at this in school. There is no set illustration that Rowling is asking for and so there is free rein of the artwork, including the medium used to create, so long as it is related to a chapter.

This is a wonderful opportunity to get creative and to see what it may be like to be an illustrator, even if you do not want to include your masterpiece for the competition. The online chapters can be found at the following: <https://www.theickabog.com/read-the-story/>.

The competition is open until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and can be uploaded to the following website by a parent or guardian, where you will also find all of the Terms & Conditions: <https://theickabogcompetition.com/>

**GOOD LUCK!**

## Photos

Thank you for all the lovely photos you have been sending in, showing us all the exciting things that have been keeping you busy at home. We will try and upload all the photos that come into [homelearning@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@godinton.kent.sch.uk) onto the school website. In order to stand the best chance of your child's photo being included please ensure that it is of good quality and that your child is suitably dressed.

Over the next couple of weeks we are asking you to send in any photos of the children enjoying outdoor activities—this could be playing in the back garden or out on a walk.

These photos can be found in the 'Children' section on the website.

Have a look at the lovely photo montage made by Year 1 for their teachers and the video created by some of our families. Thank you to Leo H's big brother Elliott for helping us out with the uploading of the video.



We are also inviting children to send in 4 photos of Unexpected Learning Adventure work of which they are really proud, for their teachers to see. These photos should be sent to the year group email accounts e.g.

[year4parent@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:year4parent@godinton.kent.sch.uk) The teachers have really enjoyed seeing what you have been doing. If you have any other work that you have completed at home, this can be emailed across too.

## A Message from

### Mrs Stein...

I hope that you are all well, looking after each other and that you were able to enjoy some of the lovely weather over half term. I was able to get into my garden and plant some hanging baskets and pots that my cat Freddie (he is the black and white cat in the picture), has been enjoying lying next to in the sun. I am not usually very good at gardening so I will keep you posted on whether or not I manage to keep them looking pretty!



We have been busy planning for the return of some of you to school during this term. To be honest though, what we are all really looking forward to is the time when we can have everyone back at school with us. Godinton just isn't the same special place without all of you to make it that way.

School life is changing again. There are a lot more of your teachers and teaching assistants in school every day but please don't worry, they haven't forgotten about all of you. They will be looking at your work on Purple Mash and Mathletics and will be there if you need any help with anything. Your new unexpected adventure trails will be ready for you next week and your teachers have thought carefully again about activities that would be great fun for you and your friends in school to complete. Please keep trying your best with these. I know it can be hard to work when the sun is shining but it really will help you when we are all allowed to be back in school together. For now, keep looking after your family and friends and be kind to your parents and carers – they are doing their best too!

Take care

From Mrs Stein

## Acts of Kindness

I know that many of you have been busy doing kind deeds for other people whilst you have been at home or raising money for charity. I always love hearing about how you have helped others so let me know if there is something that you are proud of.

Evie and Tommy W have been very busy since lockdown began and took on a mini superhero challenge to raise money for Children with Cancer UK. The challenge involved doing the household chores for 12 days which included washing clothes, cleaning their rooms, Hoovering and steaming the floors, helping make dinner and cleaning away after meals. The children wanted to do something for their baby sister Isobelle and to help stop other families from experiencing what they have, As well as being a wonderful way for the children to connect with their sister, the challenge has certainly kept them busy during lockdown. The pair are still smiling and I'm not surprised as they have currently raised £10,524. They would like to thank everyone at Godinton who have supported them.

Well done Evie and Tommy—this is brilliant. We are extremely proud of you.



## Other News and Reminders...

- If your child is back in school please remember that the only items they are able to bring in with them are lunch boxes, water bottles and break time snacks. Please can rucksacks and book bags be left at home. As the sunny weather looks set to continue for a little while longer, please can the children bring a hat to school for break time and if they require sun cream, this will need to be applied before they come to school.
- At drop off and pick up times, a one way system will be in operation with parents and children accessing the site via the Chimneys path and exiting the site from the Lockholt Close pedestrian entrance. Vehicle access to the site will be restricted between 8.40 and 9.40 and then again between 2.20 and 3.30.
- As of 1<sup>st</sup> June, no visitors (including parents) will be able to access the school building (including office) without prior arrangement in order to minimise the number of people on site. If you need to contact the school office, usual hours will resume – please ring 01233 621616 or email [office@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@godinton.kent.sch.uk)
- Any correspondence between parents of children attending school and teachers will be carried out via email or telephone, staff will not be able to meet with parents after school. Year group emails e.g. [year4parent@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:year4parent@godinton.kent.sch.uk) will continue to operate as will the following emails: [pupilwelfare@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:pupilwelfare@godinton.kent.sch.uk), [homelearning@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@godinton.kent.sch.uk), [emergency@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:emergency@godinton.kent.sch.uk) We will be continuing to use the school closure email for all correspondence relating to key workers booking places for their children [schoolclosure@godinton.kent.sch.uk](mailto:schoolclosure@godinton.kent.sch.uk)

## Caught on camera this month...



## Sports Report

We hope that you are still all keeping active and are taking advantage of the good weather to get out and about for your daily exercise. Have a look at the school website for a wealth of websites containing suggestions for PE and physical activity. <https://godinton.kent.sch.uk/home-learning-school-closure-2020/links-to-subject-based-online-resources/>

Try visiting the following NHS website for 10 minute 'shake up' games: <https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

Change4Life and Disney have teamed up to bring you new Shake Up games inspired by Disney and Pixar's *Toy Story 4* and *Incredibles 2*, and Disney's *The Lion King* and *Frozen*. These 10-minute bursts of fun will really get your children moving and count towards the 60 active minutes they need every day!