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Headteacher's news:

School closure Week 2

School has continued to be open all week but has felt very quiet. Pinnacle staff are able to keep the school as clean as they possibly can with regular wiping of door handles and surfaces. They have also been able to get into a number of our empty classes to conduct deep cleans; we have now locked these classrooms. The children attending school use two classrooms: Reception and Year 4 Beech.

The teachers and staff who are able to work are generally coming to school once a week or once every two weeks. I am very conscious of the important message 'stay at home' and want to ensure my staff are able to adhere to this guidance too.

There has been some essential guidance from Leeds City Council Safeguarding Team about keeping everyone safe in the home during this period. As such, we have created 3 new pages on our website under the children's tab. The pages are titled: [Keeping Safe](#), [Internet Safety Information for Parents](#), [Internet Safety Information for Children](#). Please **make it a priority to read** the information on these pages and **make sure your child reads it** too (perhaps this could be a reading activity during the learning day). There is an additional safeguarding warning below about the popular Houseparty App.

School would normally close for the Easter holidays today. However, we are going to be open Mon-Thurs next week and Mon-Wed in the week after for the children of our critical workers. You can be more relaxed with the 'home learning' but please try to maintain a regular daily routine which includes reading and at least 60 minutes physical activity / day. Yesterday, teachers updated website class pages and will add more information - including a new weekly work schedule - before the Monday 20th April (the next official school working week).

Take care and be safe.

Houseparty App - safeguarding warning:

Concerns have been raised about an App called Houseparty in respect to live streaming - it is taking social media by storm. It's from the same company that created Fortnite. This past week there has been lots of misinformation on social media about it. As with all live-streaming Platforms, screenshots, unsolicited messages and self-generated sexualised imagery can put young people at risk. Links to 'rooms' can also be shared publicly to other platforms which could see uninvited users joining. 'Rooms' should be locked to prevent uninvited guests from joining - remember all rooms will lock by default if a user enables 'private mode'. If an uninvited guest joins a room they can easily 'friend' others taking part in the live stream. It appears that when a friend is invited, their friends can also join a 'room' without the invitation. Therefore potentially increasing the opportunity to cyber-bully and 'troll' others. This [web link](#) has more information about how to keep safe when using this App.



Keep checking the website - click below to see your child's class update:

[Nursery](#) [Reception](#) [Year1 Pear](#) [Year 1/2 Lime](#) [Year 2 Cherry](#)

[Year 3 Willow](#) [Year 3/4 Cedar](#) [Year 4 Beech](#)

[Year 5 Oak](#) [Year 5/6 Ash](#) [Year 6 Maple](#)

ARE YOU FINDING IT HARD TO ACCESS FOOD?

In light of COVID-19 we are putting additional support in place to ensure everyone is able to access the food they need.



Leeds City Council has put additional support in place to ensure everyone is able to access the food they need during this time. To find out more click [here](#) or visit the News section on the school website.

We have made provision for our pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals through our 'grab a bag' service. This is during normal term time only and so it will not be available during the Easter holidays. Grab a bag will be available again from Monday 20th April.

Modroc Tuesday:

Miss Bairstow got creative again with KS2 on Tuesday afternoon making Modroc models linked the children's project work. This could become a regular 'column' in Rufford Park Post.



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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday - Friday:

Daily workout with Joe Wicks 09:00-09:30

Daily dance with Oti Mabuse 11:30-12:00

Thursday

Clap for our carers - 20:00

Friday 10th April, Thursday 16th

April and Friday 17th April

School will be completely closed on Good Friday and then on the Thursday and Friday of the second week of Easter as we have no children requiring a placement on these dates.