

Principal: Emma Robins



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Dear parent / carer,

This week is the final week of our Key Worker / Vulnerable student provision at school. We have been absolutely delighted with the attitude and approach of the students who have attended. They have worked hard, taken part in a range activities and been a real credit to themselves and to you as their parents / carers.

It is worth reflecting on some of the things that your children have achieved in the past 4 months of lockdown:

- Created Graham School allotment and successfully grown vegetables including potatoes, courgettes and radishes, which we hope will remain a feature of the school
- Painted a rainbow outside the school entrance which will be a permanent reminder of their experience and a fixed memory of our thanks to the NHS
- Taken part in cooking activities including: Mexican, VE day tea party, Graham style fast food, scones, shortbread, cupcakes, bake off cookies and many more!
- Completed their online learning work
- Enjoyed socially distanced sport: fitness workouts, rounders, gymnastics, with vaulting a favourite and trampolining
- Written letters to children in other parts of the world sharing lockdown experiences
- Remembered VE day learning about evacuated children, writing letters, watching films and decorating the hall for a VE day tea party
- Built things including bird boxes and 3D games
- Done science experiments and environmental activities outside
- Made pottery and created films

There are other things as well, like making new friends which have been a feature of this time spent together. It is certain that your children will remember this time, as will the teachers and other adults who have supported them at school; it has been a pleasure! To have some happy memories of such a strange period will be a positive benefit to us all!

On Friday 17 July school will be closing early, as it is the end of term. Students will leave at 1.00pm after morning school and lunch. We hope that you can then all enjoy a peaceful summer break together and we look forward to welcoming you back to school in September. Further details about the reopening of school will be sent out later this week.

Stay safe!

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