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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done for reaching the end of the third week of Lockdown and for supporting your child at home with their home learning. You are continuing to do an amazing job and all your hard work is certainly paying off because the teachers are saying the work handed in is awesome! Lots more children are attending the compulsory live sessions and in some year groups attendance is over 80%, which is fabulous!

Online and Remote Learning

Teachers continue to provide a daily timetable of live sessions and pre-recorded lessons for your children but I wanted to make you aware of the BBC Primary Bitesize materials and educational programmes, which can be found BBC IPlayer. They run every morning for Primary age pupils.



Parent Survey

Last week I said there would be an opportunity to complete a very short survey about the home learning we're providing. We're still learning how to get the most out of technology and to make lessons and learning exciting from a distance! We would really welcome your views on how we're doing and how we can improve. The link to the survey is below and should only take a few minutes to complete. The survey will close at midday on Wednesday 27th January 2021. [Parent Survey](#)



Staff Home Testing Kits Covid -19

One in three people are said to be asymptomatic and have no symptoms of Coronavirus. As part of helping to find positive cases earlier in the community all school staff have been invited to take part in an NHS/DfE twice weekly home testing programme. Obviously, this may cause some disruption if someone tests positive and a bubble has to close. We will do our best to keep you updated on how this community programme is going.



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Wonderful Wednesday afternoon

Teachers will plan a range of fun family activities which you can choose from and the aim is to unplug the computer, step away from the screen and do something practical, creative or active together. Each Wednesday afternoon here will be a different theme where the children can all get involved. Next week the theme is 'In the Kitchen'! Please be aware that Teachers will not be doing any live Teams sessions or feedback marking on Wednesday afternoons but concentrating on planning, assessment and training.



Teaching Assistants Training



Next Friday our Teaching Assistants, who have been supporting learning in school will be having some online training. Teachers will be in school covering classes. Unfortunately, due to this there will be no feedback to the remote learning activities and there will be no live sessions. Children will need to access the uploaded work, use the website to access educational activities or watch BBC Bitesize lessons on BBC IPlayer that day.

Fingers crossed we'll be back to normal soon and the school is re-connected again. Meantime, please continue to enjoy the online assemblies and the Wednesday family afternoon activities. Don't forget to email photos or upload videos to Mr Preston on lpreston@arundelcourt.com Please note by sending media you are giving permission for this to go online. It would be fantastic to show off all the fun things you're doing as a family to keep happy, well and active. Time away from a device is so good for your physical health, mental well-being and posture!

'Care first' for parents

As the COVID-19 situation is progressing and the Government guidance continues to change, individuals may be feeling anxious. Mental Health support during times like these are paramount, which is why Care first have worked tirelessly to ensure services remain available 24/7 throughout the pandemic to provide emotional and practical support and ensure they have every aspect of your overall well-being covered.

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The link to Care First is below:

<https://carefirst-lifestyle.co.uk/>

Username: **unicatp** Password: **wellbeing**

If you wish to contact the Care first telephone counselling and information line, then please don't hesitate to call the Freephone number provided and you can **Speak to a professional in confidence**

Call Care first for **in the moment support** on **0808 168 2143**

Below are some links to sign up and join next week's webinars which will also be recorded for viewing if you are unable to join at these times. **You will be asked to enter your name and an email address so that the webinar organiser can communicate with you regarding the event and their other services.**

Monday 25th January - 'How Care first can support you' TIME: 12pm-12.30pm

LINK: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2383936234874254606>

Tuesday 26th January - 'Tips to beat the Winter blues' TIME: 12pm – 12.30pm

LINK: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5986600432497086475>

Wednesday 27th January - 'Tips for Parents on Managing Screen Time, Technology and Social Media use for Children' TIME: 12pm-12.30pm LINK: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1427705265847607821>

Thursday 28th January - 'Keeping motivated whilst Working from Home' TIME: 12pm-12.30pm

LINK: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5775319377608907279>

Friday 29th January - 'Burnout & Tiredness during the COVID-19 Pandemic' TIME: 12pm-12.30pm

LINK: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3523627316084417295>

A **summary of these webinars** can be found on the **Care First website** under the **Covid-19 Week 45 tab**.

As always, the school is here for you and remember a problem shared is a problem halved!

Take care and keep safe

Karen Stocks,

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ACP AFTERNOON UNPLUGGED



The current way of accessing learning means that we are all spending a lot of time on screens however, there are so many other ways to learn. So we would like to take this opportunity to **switch off the devices** and get creative!

Every **WEDNESDAY** afternoon, we will be setting a new theme for you to be creative with in your own unique way! If you have siblings then work together (remember **Team Work** is one of our school values).



'In the kitchen' is the theme for
Wednesday 27th January 2021



We would like you to be creative as you can, here are few ideas to get you started but the possibilities are endless:

- ◆ Use recycled materials to make your own food;
- ◆ Help make dinner, bake a sweet treat, or decorate some biscuits;
- ◆ Role play in the kitchen;
- ◆ Use kitchen utensils to create your own band;
- ◆ Create a menu for your own restaurant.



The following day please share your afternoon activities by sending a photo to So that we can share your creativity on the school website and social media pages.

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