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Dear Parents,

It seems like forever since I wrote you a 'regular' newsletter but I hope the emails and information sent out have kept you informed and up to date with things here at school. We are now into our second week with both Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 key worker children back at school and things have been going really smoothly with children happy to return and very quickly adapting to a slightly different way of working and 'being'. They have been an incredibly resilient bunch and I couldn't be prouder of all of the children, both in school and continuing to learn at home. We plan to continue using Google Classroom from September as a tool to communicate, set home learning tasks and keep you informed about what the children have and will be learning.

I know you will join me in thanking our wonderful staff for always going the extra mile and particularly in the last few challenging months to provide quality home learning and a successful re-opening of the school.

I hope you all enjoy the scorching weather over the weekend but remember to keep yourselves and your loved ones safe by continuing to take a measured and sensible approach to distancing and activities. Take care and thank you again for all of the messages of support and understanding.

Andrew Stear  
Headteacher  
Milford School

### End of term arrangements

Please read the relevant year group/pod carefully as the arrangements vary according to which pod your child is in.

### Reception / Year 1 - Blue Pod

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 3pm

### Reception - Red, Orange and Silver Pods including Key Workers

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July at the usual Friday finish time.

Red – 11.30am

Orange – 11.50am

Silver – 12.00pm

We will not be accepting any Reception Key Worker children after July 10<sup>th</sup> as we are unable to staff any requirements.

### Year 1 – Green and Black Pods including Key Workers

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11.40am

### Year 1 – Gold Pod including Key Workers

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 11.45am

### Year 2 – all children including Key Workers

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm after our picnic.

Details to follow about the picnic and Year 2 return.

### Dropping off and Collecting from School

Can you please try to keep to the times which have been allocated to the pods your child is in. This is in place to try and limit the number of parents queuing at the start and the end of each day. We appreciate your co-operation with this.

### Inset Days for Academic Year 2020-2021

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September, Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> February, Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May.

### **E-safety**

I have been informed that during the period of closure, understandably, children have been playing more computer games. Please ensure that what the children are playing is age appropriate. Fortnite and other such battle games are not appropriate for Infant age children and due to social features, mean that children can potentially be put at risk. I hope you can support this and double check that any content the children have access to is age appropriate and has good security features enabled. As shops are starting to open again, o2 do offer a free service where they will check any device security settings so do take them up on it if it is of interest. Other than that, if you are unsure about the appropriateness of any apps or software, you can find lots of information online, including organisations such as 'internet safety matters' to name but one.

### **Pod spaces**

Unfortunately we no longer have any spaces available for children to return. Over the last week we have been able to open an 8th pod to accommodate children that wanted to return, however that is now completely full. We are running 8 classrooms now and have no further staff to assign. I appreciate this may be disappointing to some of you however please rest assured that we will continue to provide home learning through Google Classroom and hope to confirm arrangements for more children to return in September. Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

### **Pupil Premium funding**

If you have recently become unemployed due to the Covid 19 situation or your employment status has recently changed, please do get in touch to complete an eligibility check. A form is attached to this newsletter. Pupil Premium funding is extremely important for schools and can enable us to put additional support into classrooms to benefit our children. If you think you might be eligible due to employment status or are a single parent with a relatively low income, please do complete the attached form and send it in. It is strictly confidential and does not affect any entitlements you may already be receiving. Thanks in advance.

### **The Book People**

Please see Facebook page for the Book People with lots of offers [www.facebook.com/bjbookssussex](http://www.facebook.com/bjbookssussex)

### **Thank You**

Thank you to Colm Doyle and NCD Electircal (Fin-tan's dad for providing us with the barriers for social distancing that we have in school at present.

Thank you to Tuesley Farm for providing us with strawberries as a special treat today!

### **Correspondence from School**

Please note that any correspondence from school will come via e-mail or text and The Friends will communicate through ClassList.

#### Maths In Year 1

Black and Gold Pods have been learning to count in 5's and use the multiplication symbol in maths.



## Reception Pod News

The Reception pods and home learners re-tell 'The Enormous Turnip' story altogether in a Zoom.



Sharing stories together...



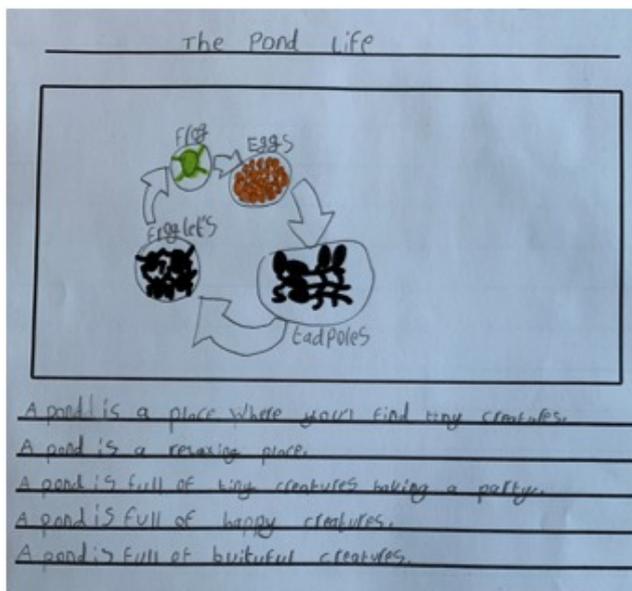
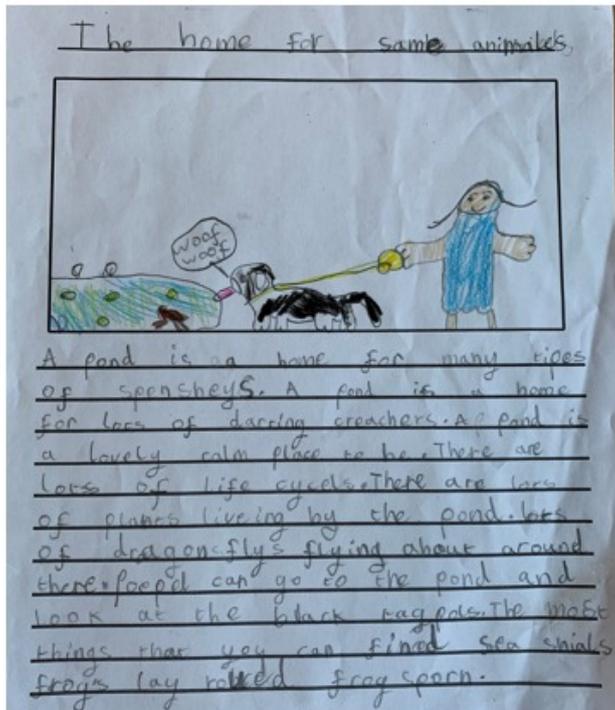
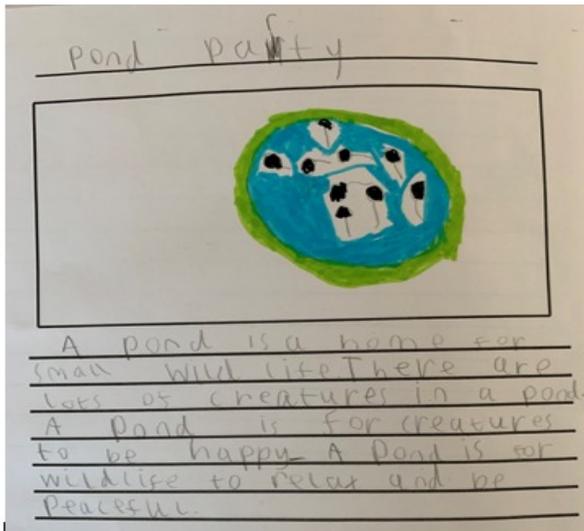
Exploring the natural artwork of Andy Goldsworthy and Bridget Collins and creating their own...



Cooling off by the pond for stories and a spot of pond-dipping...



## Writing in Purple Pod



## Green Pod

