

## Wooden Hill Primary and Nursery School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Re: Love our School, Love our Community**

We know that the last four weeks has been intense for everyone and with four weeks of home learning still to go, we have been thinking about how we can show our support to the school community but also the wider community.

In lockdown one, children all over the country made rainbows to show support to the NHS and these were displayed everywhere; in windows, on fences, on banners and badges as well as t-shirts and bags. This time we want to show the love that Wooden Hill School has for the school community, for those learning at home as well as those attending school and spread this to the wider community. We want the local community to know that we appreciate all of their effort, by staying home, so that soon, we can be together again.

Instead of rainbows, we would like you to show the Wooden Hill love with hearts. Place decorated hearts in windows, on fences – wherever you can. Hearts can be decorated in any way that you like, there are no rules! Let's show love to the community from Wooden Hill! By doing this, it can also give a focus for families who are learning at home, to find and count hearts in the local area when they go for their daily walks.

With Valentine's Day on the 14<sup>th</sup>, at the start of the half term break, and our Love our School, Love our Community theme, we are going to have a Together but Apart Party on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February via our Google Classrooms. Please see the flyer for further details.

#### Heart Hunting in Half Term

If you are joining in, with sharing the Wooden Hill Love our School, Love our Community by placing hearts in your windows or on fences etc. Please email [admin@office.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:admin@office.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February to let us know, with your road name. We will then produce a map of the local area with all of the roads in the local area that are participating highlighted. These maps can then be purchased for a minimum of £1, with all extra donations gratefully received, and can be used for heart hunting during half term and can be purchased via [www.schoolgateway.com](http://www.schoolgateway.com) or The School Gateway app. Can anyone find them all? How many hearts can you find? Your child's class teacher can't wait to hear how many hearts you and your child found during half term.

#### Fundraising

In the autumn and spring term we have spent over £12,000 in costs which have been incurred as a direct cost to COVID and we are unable to claim any of these costs back. We were already running a very tight budget and this has further impacted our budget and spending.

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At this very difficult time, we very much need to continue to fundraise for the school even though we can't hold traditional PTA events.

We also know that for some families, the furlough scheme and the time that COVID-19 has been impacting on us all has really taken its toll on families' finances. With this in mind, we have tried to ensure that all of our fundraising ideas are still low cost and that all ideas and events are completely optional.

### **The Wooden Hill Great Recipe Book**

Over the next few weeks, in the run up to Easter, we are going to be collecting your wonderful recipes for meals that you have created and that children have enjoyed. Rather than specific dishes, ideally we would love our Great Recipe Book to contain healthy, balanced meals that can be used by families as a 'go to' book of ideas. Of course, recipes for specific dishes are also welcome with suggestions of side dishes that would complement the dish.

If you would like to submit a recipe, please send this to [admin@office.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk](mailto:admin@office.woodenhill.bracknell-forest.sch.uk) by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> March at the latest. Ideally we would like the recipes in a word format and if you have a budding artist at home, who could draw a picture of the completed meal to accompany the recipes, please send this too. Unfortunately, we will not be able to include all pictures and recipes (as there may be duplicate recipes) but we will do our very best to have the very best collection of scrumptious, healthy meals.

We will be printing and binding the books in school and they will be on sale after Easter for the duration of the summer term.

As always, thank you so much for your continued support of our wonderful school.

Yours sincerely,



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Headteacher