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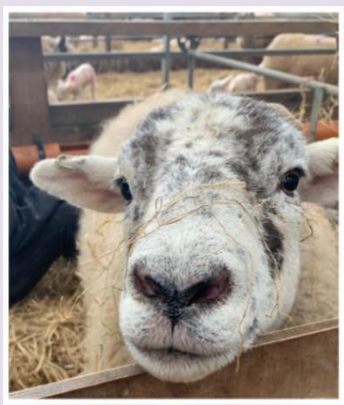
NEWS

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Local Services

Nidderale Plus are coordinating the local services available. As this is changing on a daily basis please click on this link to their website to see the latest news. As we go to print Spar, Park View and Dales Market Stores are providing a grocery delivery service and Nidd Plus was arranging delivery of prescriptions from the Pharmacy (conditions apply).

<https://www.nidderdaleplus.org.uk/>



Headteacher's Introduction

Dear Parent / Carer

As you get to the end of the first full week of 'School of Mum & Dad', if you've been finding it tough going, please take heart from the fact that those of us who do education as a day job have also had our own struggles running the school of mum or dad in our own homes. It's not an easy task!

I hope that the work we've been setting and the information we've shared has been useful and that most of you have now started to establish some structured ways of working, whether that is following the normal school timetable or creating a more flexible plan involving siblings supporting each other, fitting in around your own work commitments or, as pictured above, bringing new lambs into the world!

On Thursday I spoke to a senior policy adviser for the Department of Education and he was keen to hear what is working well and what we would like further support with as they plan a central Government response to support schools through next term. He was really impressed by the 'exceptional lengths' we are going to in trying to maintain our all-important community spirit. Be assured that I made the point clearly that rurally isolated communities struggle with online learning when internet connection / speed is not reliable.

We have had several enquiries about whether we will be observing the Easter holidays. That would be a yes! The last day of the school term is Friday 3rd April. We are in contact with the small group of families still accessing education provision to discuss what support they require over Easter.

Kath Jordan, Headteacher

Fitness programme

As the options for physical activity become more and more limited, Mr Barrass' series of Lockdown Workouts can be found on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/I5rHbYpSI1s>

Helping to keep students reading

Key Stage 3 parents will be familiar with the Accelerated Reader programme we run for Year 7 students in school. Through this link we now have been given access to lots more free reading material and news content. Please see below for more detail and follow the link to get reading!

“During school closures, we want to make sure that every child has access to daily reading, which is why we are announcing access to over **6,000** digital books with myON, as well as myON News, which provides daily news articles reviewed by child psychologists, helping to ensure students make sense of current events. myON links with both Star Reading and Accelerated Reader quizzes and offers practical literacy tools and supports through myON Projects.

Now freely available for students to use!”

[Click here to get reading](#)

SEND Resources

Mrs Blunstone has uploaded the latest North West SEND Regional Newsletter – it contains many resources which have been collated from a wide range of sources to provide information for anyone to use if they feel the resource would be helpful.

The resources include information relevant to children across the early years and school age range including those with special educational needs and disabilities.

NB The resources are not recommendations, purely possibilities.

[Click here to see the collection of resources.](#)

Twinkl

Twinkl has offered free resources to schools amidst coronavirus and has made all of its teaching and learning materials free to support learning at home.

To get access to Twinkl [click here.](#)

Access will initially be granted for one month, but Twinkl says it is dedicated to extending this.

KS3 News

I do hope all KS3 have seen Mrs Wright's KS3 Daily Check-in newsletters.

If not please request them at nicola.wright@nidderdale.n-yorks.sch.uk

Instagram

We have started an Instagram account for Team Nidderdale to keep you up to date on all things flourishing. I hope you find it useful, informative and inspiring. Instagram can be a positive platform but as with all social media caution should be taken with both content and time spent scrolling. [Click here to see the parental guide](#) so that you can make an informed choice about whether to allow your child to have an Instagram account. If you don't think it is for them but you have an account, please do have a look. Please use wisely. Follow, like and share some positivity @nidderdaleflourish

Mrs Kay

KS4 News

Hello to all our Year 11s! Just wanted to update you on a few things:

- **Prom**
Ripley Castle have now closed, please do not worry about Prom. We have postponed it for now and Ripley Castle are keeping dates available for us later in the Year. Watch this space!
- **Leavers Hoodies**
We are working with the design company to get the ordering process up and running. This should go LIVE on Friday this week for you to order your hoodies direct with the company and delivered to you at home. I will send out further details to all Year 11 student emails later this week.
- **Next Steps**
Here are two useful sites offering Year 11s advice on bridging the study gap between GCSE and A Levels:
<https://www.thestudentroom.co.uk/a-level/advice/getting-ready-for-a-levels>
<http://thinkstudent.co.uk/how-to-prepare-for-a-levels-after-gcses/>
- Keep an eye on Class-charts next week for further information and teacher guidance on how to keep busy at home. We would love as many of you to get involved with our student 'online mentor' scheme. Please see the letter from Headteacher sent out on Tuesday and if you are interested let me know (via email) and I will send you details of how this will run.
- **Pastoral Support**
Every Year 11 student will receive an individual email or call from Pastoral Team this week. You are still very much in our thoughts, well-being advice and tips will be sent to you regularly and if you need to contact me, please do via the email below.

Keep happy, keep well, keep safe!

Mrs Ashton – Key Stage 4 Learning Manager
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Carol Vorderman's The Maths Factor

Following the school closures across the UK to minimise the spread of Coronavirus, the Maths Factor is FREE for everyone (usually about £2 per week) to support childrens' continued learning at home for the duration of the UK Schools closure period. [Click here to visit the site.](#)