



Friday 4th
February 2021



Newsletter

Another week has passed – it's hard to believe that there is only one more week until half term!

This week we moved to two calls a week and it's been great to see so many of the children on every call. I've been able to join some calls this week and have seen engaged, excited children who are really enjoying their learning. I'm blown away by the children's commitment to learning and engagement and can only thank you for the part you are all playing in this.

We have had some issues with some calls this week where staff's screens have frozen or children have suddenly dropped out for no apparent reason. I have been in touch with our IT support and will be trying to resolve why this could be. Of course, there could be a number of reasons which could involve the sheer volume of people on the internet locally or TEAMS at any one time, which is out of our control. Staff will always do their best to restart calls and solve issues though.

Yesterday you should have received our letter about No Tech Thursday. We hope this will bring the children some much needed time away from a screen and that they get really creative in the ways they engage with learning. The children in school will also be doing this too. On Friday we will have two calls rather than our normal Feel good Friday and I'm sure the staff will spend some time on the second call playing games with the children.

This week has marked children mental health week and our Feel Good Friday assignment was aimed at celebrating this. If you haven't looked at the assignment do – there's lots of activities for the children to do around the theme of Express Yourself!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Mrs Smith
Head Teacher



*God's Word is a lamp to guide our feet
and a light for our path.
Inspired by Psalm 119:105*

How to reach us

If you need to reach your class teacher please use the private channels through TEAMS which have now been set up.

If you need to reach any other member of staff such as Mrs Pattullo or Mrs Smith please email via the school office please – admin.orsett@dcvst.org. Please don't use staff's personal email addresses. Thank you.



Head over to our YouTube page for weekly updates from Mrs Smith and a number of other helpful video's. Mrs Smith's worship goes live every Monday. This week's focused on real life heroes and included an emoji quiz.

There's video's to help support TEAMS, Mr Cappers fitness videos and lots of Young Voices singing videos too.

Search for Orsett Primary or follow this link – why not subscribe to us too.
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_gUeQjt8KBQecAcuI9v7Xw



Be Part of the Puzzle.

It's been great to see you puzzle pieces come back. Mrs Young and I are going to be busy next week putting them up and asking the community if they want to be involved too.

We'd love to get pictures of the puzzle pieces in your windows too. If you'd be willing to share them please send them into school. We'd love for the children to be in the pictures too. We may let the local press know about our project too so please let us know if you'd be happy for your picture to be in the paper potentially!

Here's some of the puzzle pieces we've received!



Extreme Reading!

In Year 5 and 6 the children have been finding extreme places to read! They certainly found some great places. This weekend I'll be putting together a video of their entries and hopefully they will inspire some of you to find some extreme places too. Your teachers may well set it as an assignment so get thinking.

We had some absolutely fantastic entries but the staff choose their top 3. These were:

Yr 6 - Dominic, Zara & Freddie

Yr 5 - Freya, Harry H & Kaelan

Well done to everyone. Everyone who took part will be getting a certificate sent to them!

