



Dear Parents/Guardians

Today should have been the day that we said 'Goodbye' to our Year 11s and even though they don't receive this newsletter I still wanted to acknowledge this momentous occasion with all of our school community. Our Leavers Breakfast has become a real tradition and rite of passage for our pupils and I am extremely saddened that the Class of 2020 will miss out on this. I know all of our pupils, and their families, will join me in wishing the Class of 2020 good luck and every happiness as they leave us and start their next chapter. We certainly wouldn't be letting them go without some acknowledgment, so please keep an eye on social media to see what we have planned for them!

Your child including details of their Home Learning receives regular emails from their class teachers. We fully appreciate how challenging Home Learning can be, but would ask for your support in getting your child to engage with the work that has been set. Last week was the first week after half term and we saw the number of pupils engaging with Home Learning dip across all year groups. It would be great to see these numbers increase week by week as we move through the last five weeks of the academic year. As always, a massive well done to all of the pupils supported by their families, who are working hard and engaging with everything that has been set for them. If there is any further support that you need; please contact your child's Progress Leader using the mobile numbers in this newsletter.

When I was asked for a quote for this week I looked for one on perseverance and found the following,
"Our greatest glory is not in never failing, but in rising every time we fall" Confucius.

If some of our young people are finding things difficult at the moment, this is totally understandable. The current situation is lasting longer than many of us envisaged and there is still much uncertainty around when things will return to any kind of 'normal' for all of us. We need to be 'gentle' with ourselves and our young people and hold onto the belief that we can 'rise' from this. One thing is for sure, we are all in this together and when the time is right for us to be back in the school building we will be there to support each other. In the meantime the community which is Hillside is still very alive and we are all there for each other in our new socially distanced and somewhat remote world!

Please keep safe and take care.

Mrs Amanda Ryan

Hello Year 10,

I hope you and your families are keeping safe and well and that you have had a good week. Well the weeks are certainly flying by aren't they? This week I have planted some chilli seeds, I have to be honest I think I have got carried away and I'm not convinced I will be able to grow these as successfully as the potatoes but I'm giving it a go and hoping for the best! I have also bought some lavender for my garden which smells amazing so who knows when we are back to some kind of normality I may get one for my office.

I have enjoyed seeing lots of fabulous work from Year 10 again this week so well done! As I mentioned a few weeks ago in my email to you all, if you have been getting up to any extra curricular activities like arts and crafts, music or sports please send me some pictures of this. I have enjoyed speaking to your families again this week and have heard about lots of lovely things that have been going on from guitar lessons to sign language so I would absolutely love to see some photographs or videos of this.

In the coming weeks I hope to see some of you in school. For those who will not be coming back just yet, please do not worry, your teachers and I are still here to help you. It is completely your and your family's choice and I completely understand that returning at this stage does not feel right for some families. The most important thing is that you are all safe and well. Remember if you need anything at all you can contact me by email or your parents can contact the school office or my work mobile number.

I look forward to seeing you soon and sharing our stories. For now, take care and keep smiling.

Miss Roby

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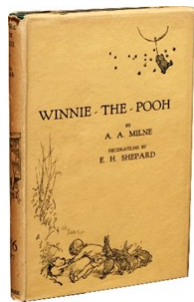
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This week Mr Wardale has shared an extract from 'Winnie The Pooh' by A A Milne

Pooh Goes Visiting



Pooh always liked a little something at eleven o'clock in the morning, and he was very glad to see Rabbit getting out the plates and mugs; and when **Rabbit** said, 'Honey or condensed milk with your bread?' he was so excited that he said, 'Both' and then, so as not to seem greedy, he added, 'But don't bother about the bread, please.'



And for a long time after that he said nothing...until at last, humming to himself in a rather sticky voice, he got up, shook Rabbit lovingly by the paw, and said that he must be going on.

'Must you?' said Rabbit politely. 'Well,' said Pooh, 'I could stay a little longer if it-if you-' and he tried very hard to look in the direction of the larder. 'As a matter of fact,' said **Rabbit**, 'I was going out myself directly.' 'Oh well, then, I'll be going on. Good bye.' 'Well good bye, if you're sure you won't have any more.' 'Is there any more?' asked Pooh quickly. Rabbit took the covers of the dishes, and said 'No, there wasn't.' 'I thought not,' said Pooh, nodding to himself. 'Well Good-bye, I must be going on.'

So he started to climb out of the hole. He pulled with his front paws, and pushed with his back paws, and in a little while his nose was in the open again ... and then his ears ... and then his front paws ... and then his shoulders ... and then-'Oh, help!' said Pooh, 'I'd better go back,' 'Oh bother!' said Pooh, 'I shall have to go on.' 'I can't do either!' said Pooh, 'Oh help and bother!' ...



...**Christopher Robin** nodded. 'Then there's only one thing to be done,' he said. 'We shall have to wait for you to get thin again.' 'How long does getting thin take?' asked Pooh anxiously. 'About a week I should think.' 'But I can't stay here for a week!' 'You can stay here all right, silly old **Bear**. It's getting you out which is so difficult.' 'We'll read to you,' said Rabbit cheerfully. 'And I hope it won't snow,' he added. 'And I say, old fellow, you're taking up a good deal of room in my house - do you mind if I use your back legs as a towel-horse? Because, I mean, there they are - doing nothing - and it would be very

convenient just to hang the towels on them. 'A Week!' said Pooh gloomily. 'What about meals?' 'I'm afraid no meals,' said Christopher Robin,

'because of getting thin quicker. But we will read to you.' Bear began to sigh, and then found he couldn't because he was so tightly stuck; and a tear rolled down his eye, as he said: 'Then would you read a Sustaining Book, such as would help and comfort a Wedged Bear in Great Tightness?' So for a week **Christopher Robin** read that sort of book at the North end of Pooh, and Rabbit hung his washing on the South end... and in between Bear felt himself getting slenderer and slenderer. And at the end of the week Christopher Robin said,

'Now!'

So he took hold of Pooh's front paws and Rabbit took hold of Christopher Robin, and all Rabbit's friends and relations took hold of Rabbit, and they all pulled together ... And for a long time Pooh only said 'Ow!' ... And 'Oh!' ... And then, all of a sudden he said 'Pop!' just if a cork were coming out of a bottle. And Christopher Robin and Rabbit and all relations went head-over-heels backwards ...and on top of them came Winnie-the-Pooh free! So with a nod of thanks to his friends, he went on with his walk through the forest, humming proudly to himself. But **Christopher Robin** looked after him lovingly, and said to himself 'Silly Old Bear!'