Dear Parents and Carers

I’m sure you’re aware of the recent announcement from the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, that all UK schools must close to slow the spread of Coronavirus from today. Danegrove will be open to Key Worker’s children and children with EHCP’s from Monday. These children have been booked in prior to attending. Only the parents of pupil premium children will receive some form of food vouchers; we are currently looking into this and will contact these parents in due course.

During the school closure the class teachers will put work on the year group page of the website for children to complete, if you so wish. We also recommend children to use Mathletics, Bug Club, Rockstars, BBC Bitesize and complete their reading.

World book online have just made their collection of over 3000 ebooks and audiobooks available for free for children to access at home <https://worldbook.kitaboo.com/reader/worldbook/index.html?usertoken=Mjk5MzQ6MTpJUjA5MjAxNjoyOmNsaWVudDE2OTc6MTY5NzoyMjE2Mjg4OjE6MTU4NDM4MDExMzA2Mjp1cw>

As soon as we have an official date to re-open, we will communicate this with you via email and the school website. Until then, we would like to offer our very best wishes, hopes that everyone remains safe, and that anybody affected by this unprecedented virus makes a speedy recovery.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. D.S. Metcalf, HEADTEACHER

***Class of the Week***

*Week ending the 13th March – Congratulations go to 4FR with 98.6% followed closely by 3SI with 98.3 % and 6JF with 97.3%.*

**Value Merit Winners**

Congratulations to the following children for obtaining Merits this week.

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| 2YA | Ivy – AppreciationEvie – Caring |
| 2FC | Connie – ToleranceJames – Appreciation |
| 2RR | Sammy – CaringZayla – Independence |
| 3CB | Jenson - ConfidenceToby – Confidence |
| 4GK | Theo – ToleranceAriya – Tolerance |
| 4RV | Alex A – ConfidenceAlex D – Independence |
| 4FR | Reneta – CaringAleena – Independence |
| 5BH | Shaheer – AppreciationLirik – Co-operation |
| 5LG | Ollie – AppreciationOscar – Confidence |
| 5JA | Enver – ResponsibilityFrankie – Co-operation |
| 6CG | Amaya – FreedomRaphaella - Responsibility |
| 6JF | Johnny – ConfidenceEvelyn – Caring |
| 6ML | Vasil – RespectApostolis - Appreciation |

**Thank you to all the parents/carers who have sent hand soap into the school for our children to use. Also thanks to Pan Trade Services for donating lots of tissues and kitchen roll.**

If you would like to see the Governments Corona Virus action plan please follow the link <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/coronavirus-action-plan>

At Danegrove we are constantly cleaning using Dettol or Anti-bacterial cleaners – we are asking the children to clean their hands constantly along with putting other procedures in place to help prevent infection. We have held Assemblies on this so that the children are clear as to what this virus is and how we can try to minimise people catching it. Our Cleaning Staff are putting extra efforts into cleaning, they are steaming tables and other items to keep the germs at bay.

**Victoria Quarter (old gasworks site) redevelopment**

You may already be aware that the old gasworks site (opposite the swimming pool in Victoria Recreation Ground) is being redeveloped. There is currently planning permission for 371 new homes (a mixture of houses and flats) in a scheme which was designed in consultation with local residents. However the developer is now seeking to gain permission for 652 flats (no houses) in blocks of up to ten storeys. The public consultation has been cancelled (due to coronavirus) and closes on 27th March. The Save New Barnet organisation is concerned that residents’ views on this redesign will not be taken into account. Now is your chance to have your say!

Save New Barnet has drawn up a questionnaire to gauge what local people feel about future development in the area. We should be grateful if you would take a few moments to complete it. It will be forwarded to the developer.

 <https://surveyhero.com/c/VictoriaQuarter>

An overview of the developer’s proposal and a link for direct feedback to them is available on:

[www.victoriaquarter.consultationonline.co.uk](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fwww.victoriaquarter.consultationonline.co.uk&c=E,1,ETEgEVYDb4nc8ZDN_M8zJbnWfffTW75XALxzBfTs4QqS9XITCuEmL8kbDqNT5dKNip_tXpPejKYoazdW3CZhmo9KwzBdr8ZdmPIs1drLThw8sP0,&typo=1)

Drawings and details of the revised proposal can be seen on:

 <https://victoriaquarter.consultationonline.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/114/2020/03/Victoria-Quarter_March-2020_Exhibition-Boards-1.pdf>

Finally, if you would like to keep in touch with what’s happening, you can sign up to receive the Save New Barnet newsletter on: [www.newbarnet.org.uk](http://www.newbarnet.org.uk)