

A message from the Ash Base Team

Hello everybody, we hope you are all doing well. As I am sure you are all aware, it would have been Springhead next week, and we know how much you would have been looking forward to this. All I will say is; when you look back at your time at Verwood First School, you will have many magic memories of the things you have achieved and how you have developed over your time with us. Focus on these and look forward to the memories that you will make at your new schools. On this note, this week we will be uploading activities that we would typically be carrying out at Springhead. Please engage with these as best you can, have a go and send in any learning that you complete to our base page (AshBase19-20@verwoodfirst.dorset.sch.uk). We will also be setting a number of competitions this week and we would love to see some of your efforts.

Competition 1 – Fantastic Photos

You may or may not know, Mr Bishopp, amongst many talents, is quite the photographer. He will be judging your efforts and we will share these with you all on our base email. We would like you to take a photo of something that you feel shows off an aspect of nature. This could be a bird or other animal. You may visit somewhere that looks particularly special, try to capture this in a photo.

Competition 2 – Art attack

Send in a piece of art work that captures the mood of something you have seen. This could be still life (an object man made or natural), a landscape picture or again a piece of art work that relates to an animal. You can use whatever media you would like (paint, pencil etc), be creative and share what you have produced.

Competition 3 – Who can make the best sandwich?

When away at Springhead, children (and adults) are expected to make their own packed lunches which includes a sandwich. This is just another way of promoting independence as well as giving you a bit of ownership over what you would like to eat. So, take a picture or send in a short clip of the best sandwich you can make and we will share the best ones on the Ash Base email.

Competition 4 – Den building

One of the other activities we do is den building which is a great way of showing how well you can work as a team. Showing off the team element in your own version might be tricky but we would love to see examples of dens that you can make (great bridge by the way Ben). This could be at home or out and about in your local area. Please make sure you have permission to do this and when you're done, put everything back where you found it.

Competition 5 – Share your talents (The important one)

We are delighted to be able to officially welcome you back into school on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July. Now, we know that this is only 2 days but we want to make these last two days of your time with us as special as we can under the circumstances we find ourselves in. We will be thinking about some of the activities we could do over these 2 days and would welcome your 'sensible' suggestions. Your suggestions will need to

factor in social distancing as well as the idea that we are likely to be split into 4 groups of approximately 15 children.

We hope to be able to run a 'Leavers Service' in one-way shape or form. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents but hope to record and share something for your parents to enjoy. Therefore, we would like you to send in a clip of you sharing one of your talents, this could be a joke, part of a song, a trick or a magic memory of the year – use your imaginations and show us something special. Aim for around a 30 second clip which I know is not long, but will hopefully give you enough time to show something off. If this is something that you would prefer not to do, then that is absolutely fine (you've probably seen how fewer videos there are of me on the website). It could just be a clip of you giving us a wave that we could then put onto a larger clip of everyone which we will then share with your parents.

Good luck

The Ash Base Team