**Dear Charles Darwin kids...(and mums, dads and carers)                        3 April 2020**

Wow - we've had two full weeks off school and isn't life weird?

I hope you are all healthy, happy and safe and are keeping yourselves busy filling your days with wide ranging activities and perhaps even helping out around the house?

I know lots of you are doing the lessons and activities your teachers have shared, very well done to you. If you have not done as much as you would like do not worry or stress about it, the work on the website is so that you can keep "ticking over" with your learning but it's not a competition and we are not expecting anyone to be doing as much as you would in school, do not worry about getting behind or ahead of anyone else, when we all go back to school everything will be fine for everyone!

It is really important that you use this crazy period to do things you do not usually have time to do, play in the garden, help those you live with to do jobs or even decorate, learn to cook or bake a special dish, build indoor or outdoor dens, perhaps even spend some quality time with your little (or big) brother or sister!

Your teachers, teaching assistants and other school staff are all well and, believe it or not, are actually missing you and the good things we share in school, some of us even miss the inappropriate things a few of you do in school!

Our school animals are healthy and well; they are on their holidays at different school staff houses and Dexter is enjoying his long lonely walks in a field near my house. He is definitely missing the toast, bagels and other treats he manages to scavenge every day; coronatime is good for his diet!

Teachers will not be setting any new work to be done over the Easter holiday. Feel free to carry on with the many links to different online games and activities you can find on the website and elsewhere, as well as keeping an eye out for the BBC's new daily programmes which will start on 20 April "the biggest education effort the BBC has ever undertaken."

Please remember that doing things "The Charles Darwin Way" is still super important. The whole world needs to care for each other and you can do your bit by being positive, understanding, patient and helpful in the house. I hope you are all face timing grandparents and other family and keeping everyone happy and upbeat.

Remember too to be positive and helpful to each other online as well as being safe in the online world.

That's it from me for now, take care be safe and I'll see you all soon

Adam Croft

Mrs Bennett has asked me to add the following to this newsletter

Good afternoon!

So we’ve reached the end of week 2 of Home Learning.  How are you finding it?  Have you managed to do some of your school work and lots of other interesting things too?

I thought it would be nice if we shared some of the things you’ve been up to on the school website.  If you’ve been out planting veg in the garden, done some art, baked something delicious or tried some family 5-a-day, send me a photo and I’ll try to put as many as I can onto galleries on the website.  If you haven’t taken any photos yet, don’t worry; you can send a picture of something you do in the next few weeks.   Send your pictures to [deputy@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:deputy@charlesdarwin.cheshire.sch.uk)

Don’t forget to put your name on the message and to have a look at the galleries to see what other children are getting up to.

Happy Friday.  Have a brilliant weekend.

Mrs Bennett