

# LOCKDOWN

Summer term  
2020, Week 1

# News



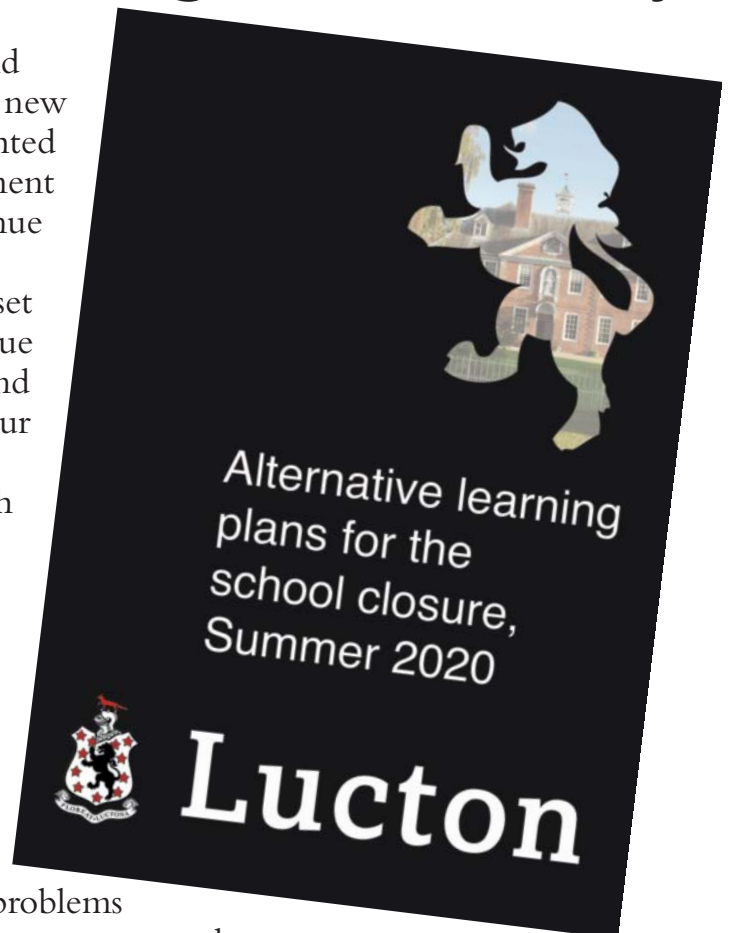
## Alternative learning under way

In these unusual and tricky times, I have received numerous messages of support and thanks for how Lucton has adapted to the new measures. In particular, parents seem delighted with our Alternative Learning Plan document which indicates how we propose to continue the teaching and learning process.

The staff at Lucton have put together a set of age-appropriate learning tools and in true Lucton manner, we will be happy to try and personalise the approach depending on your household broadband or technology limitations. We are blessed with great depth in the staffing, for instance we have 4 mathematics specialists in the Senior School at Lucton and the main impact of the furlough use on rotas is that at times, the member of staff dealing with your child, may not be the person who normally teaches them that particular subject.

By now, I expect that we will be overcoming some of the natural teething problems of implementing a whole new set of delivery systems and I do hope that you have read through the 40 page Alternative Learning Plan sent out to you recently. One repeated message in the document is that you do not suffer in silence if something isn't working out as it should. Please use the contact emails or numbers provided in the booklet and we will do everything we can to ensure the best results possible for the pupils at this difficult time. I have already had super feedback regarding the Chaplain's start of term message; don't forget to tune in on Monday mornings. Also, I know that Dean, Lucton's network manager, has helped solve many technical issues for pupils and parents and as we move into the second week of "term", most people seem to have settled into a

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# Prep School Update

Dear Prep Families

After the first week of the term, I hope that you are managing to either keep to a routine or are creating a routine for yourselves. It is a lot quieter but some things do remain the same such as the annual visits from the House Martins who are beginning to return to their nests and the annual Prep School Production – Treachery at Traitors' Quay – has been cast and we are exploring ways of producing this remotely, luckily we have some time.

At school we have a few key worker children. As well as their packs we have made crowns for the Queen's Birthday, explored Longleat (an ostrich's eye is bigger than its brain!), searched for bugs in the woods...generally doing what you may be doing and especially keeping fit with Joe Wicks.

Thinking about routines and what you should be doing is very difficult; however, there is some sound advice here <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/education-52314856> .The important point is to keep positive and work out what works in your situation. The BBC has also produced daily lessons:



<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zn9447h> But, and it is a big but, the important thing is to do what you can do. One comment in the article is this "...But what is more important, say educationalists, is maintaining a degree of normality, rather than worrying about a child's progress in English or maths." And "Prof Gillespie says that much depends on how young the child is, but "if they can stay focused for between an hour and three hours, a day that would be fantastic" although "...It's much better to have a really successful hour where the child enjoys their work, then watches telly."

These are definitely different times and we are here to support you; please do get in touch with the class teachers about the packs of work; you have their email addresses. In the meantime, we have been celebrating birthdays as we usually do so please watch the link and the Open The Book Team – now known as Waves have sent this for us:

We are thinking about you all and holding every one of you in our prayers.

While we contact you by email we will use another name and call ourselves "Waves" instead of Open the Book.

So, here is our first Bible story of the term.



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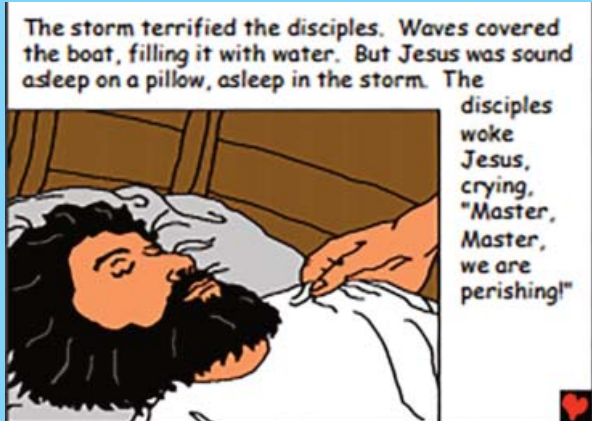
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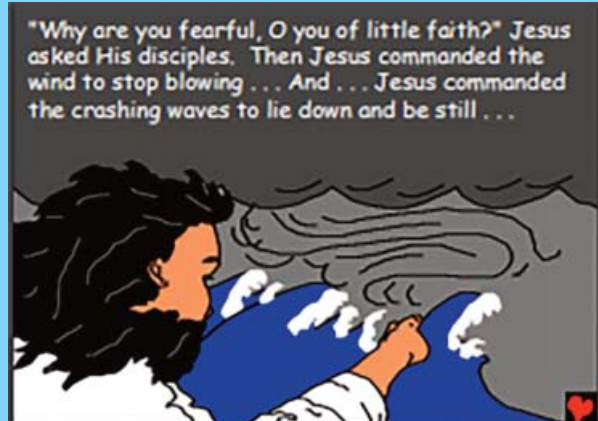
# The Story of Jesus Calming the Storm.



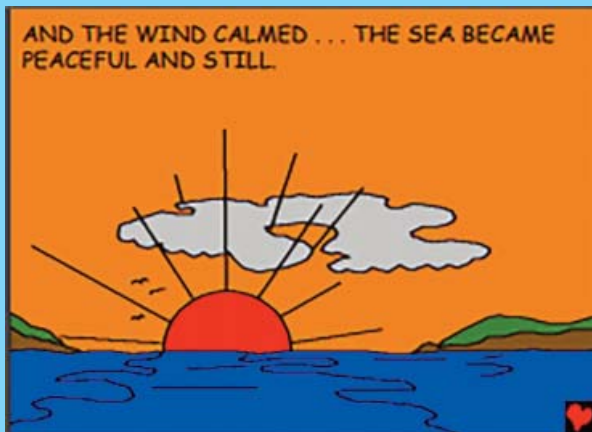
Jesus and His disciples were in a boat when a huge storm arose. It whipped the Sea of Galilee into a fury. This kind of storm could cause shipwreck and drowning.



The storm terrified the disciples. Waves covered the boat, filling it with water. But Jesus was sound asleep on a pillow, asleep in the storm. The disciples woke Jesus, crying, "Master, Master, we are perishing!"



"Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Jesus asked His disciples. Then Jesus commanded the wind to stop blowing . . . And . . . Jesus commanded the crashing waves to lie down and be still . . .



AND THE WIND CALMED . . . THE SEA BECAME PEACEFUL AND STILL.



The disciples marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him!"

Well, Jesus as we know, is a very special person.

Can you imagine what it was like to be on the boat with Him? The roaring seas and the boat heaving up and down on the waves, it must have been scary. Perhaps you could act the story out?

Can you sit quietly now and read this prayer....

Thank you Jesus for being there for us, especially in times of trouble and stress.

Please be with us now, in our hearts and minds, as you were for the Disciples in the boat.

God bless us all, Amen

Now for some fun. How about inviting your family to join you sing and dance to .. Every Move I Make I Think Of You, Jesus. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MPvnZILn6EY>

Have a happy week and remember we are thinking and praying for you and your families.

Lucy and all the Team.

If you'd like to ring me then please do... Lucy 01584872741

All the best

David and the Prep School Team

# Boarding News

Despite remaining in a state of lockdown, the boarders continue to remain upbeat and have been making the most of the lovely spell of weather we are enjoying.

We are so lucky to have so many facilities available for us to use, from the sports field, to the sports hall, the swimming pool, the music practice rooms, the cinema room and of course all the lovely open air that we are blessed with, and the boarders have certainly been making the most of it, especially Maureen who has made the most of being able to walk Mrs Webb-Rogers's dog.

The boarders have also had the opportunity to use the school facilities to concentrate on some school work. Carrie, Dingjia and Mike have used the art room while Alex had a great time in the CDT workshop making a mobile phone holder and the results were very impressive indeed.

Last week we had the chance to go to Morrisons supermarket to stock up on some essential supplies and the boarders have fully utilised the chance to do some of their own cooking.

We remain grateful to Heidi and Tracey in the kitchen who are coming in every day to feed us in the evening, and it has been lovely to see (on most evenings!)

everybody going over together. We like to think that we are one big family here, and having that time together in the evening is beneficial to us all.

*Mr Rogers.*

## **A message from Mrs Muckalt to her colleagues:**

Dear All,

I feel that I really need to say well done to everyone; I think you are all doing a fabulous job considering the circumstances.

As a parent, I am overjoyed at what the school is producing and I can honestly say that all of my children are engaged and learning – even Henry! They are impressed with the way they can contact their teachers and like the ‘online’ nature of their learning. It is giving them all a focus for the day and there is minimal input from us as parents.

The boarders are upbeat and positive and I have been very impressed with Christina Campbell who seems to be doing lots of video lessons with whiteboards and everything!

Sorry, but I just felt like I needed to say it!

Mrs Joanne Muckalt

Head of Boarding

Prep School Teacher/EFL Teacher





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good routine of learning. The boarders are up and in their classrooms, logging onto lessons online and completing work, as are the key worker children in both the Prep and Senior School. In fact, I often return, highly energised, from joining in with the Prep School Joe Wicks workout session, socially distanced, in the hall! The workout is featured on this page with some other photographs taken during the last week.

Keep fit and safe!  
Floreat Luctona!  
Mrs Thorne



Message from Mrs Waters regarding English lessons and work: Regardless of who normally teaches you, please direct enquiries to Mrs Waters or Mrs Mathie.



# Equestrian News

The staff at Lucton School Equestrian Centre are still all working with feeding, mucking out and exercising needing to carry on regardless. Even so, we are all looking forward to a return to normal.

## Jake's Blog

We've had a lovely sunny week and we've been allowed our rugs off for a bit - I

rolled loads as did Mouse who then had to have a bath!

We've been on light duties going mainly on short hacks in groups so we are fit and ready to look after you again very soon!

The staff have been working hard sprucing the place up after such a wet winter - fields harrowed and rolled, stables disinfected and pressure washed and more to do!

Please all stay safe so we can catch up again soon!



*Social distancings*

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## Form Quiz 23rd April

### General Knowledge

1. In Alice in Wonderland, where is Alice from?
2. How many countries does the Amazon river flow through?
3. Bottlenose, Spinner and Risso are all types of what?
4. To the nearest ten, how many words can be made from the word 'Easter'?
5. Which painter famously never travelled to a tropical country, but was renowned

for painting jungle scenes, which he imagined from zoos?

6. What would you use to measure the amount of rain that has fallen?
7. What is a 3D circle called?
8. Who starred as Maximus in the hit movie Gladiator?
9. Which of the following is not a sport? Kabaddi, Sepak Takraw or Tabouleh.
10. What colour wine is traditionally served with fish?

*Answers will be published next week.*

# DofE with a difference

We recognise that this is a worrying time and you may be concerned about how the coronavirus outbreak will affect your participants' DofE. We have put together lots of information which is updated regularly and includes activity suggestions, expeditions, and much more here: <https://www.dofe.org/dofewithadifference>. If you cannot find an answer to your query, then please do contact your Operations Officer directly for advice.

## Temporary programme changes

To help you keep supporting participants, both now and when the lockdown ends, we're introducing these temporary changes:

- Participants can now volunteer for family members, for example by mentoring or coaching younger siblings.
- Participants can now change section activities more than once.
- Time spent on previous activities will still count towards completion.
- DofE staff members may be able to act as Volunteering, Physical and Skills section Assessors, if required.
- When expeditions are able to resume, Silver and Gold Expedition Assessors will temporarily be allowed to be known to the expedition group.

To protect the value and integrity of DofE Awards, other requirements will remain the same. However, we're continuing to look for ways we can be flexible to support you and young people at this time and will update you if any further temporary changes are introduced.

## Hot off the press

Your #DofE Magazine should be arriving through your letterbox any day now. If you cannot get hold of it straightaway, why not read it online here:

<http://dofe.org/run/magazine/>. There are some fantastic tips and pieces of advice on how to continue with DofE as well as a great mix of stories and other useful articles.



Central England Social Media roundup:

- Volunteering
  - The world feels a little uncertain at the moment, but remember we're all in this together and can support each other in new ways. If you're continuing the Volunteering section for your #DofE, or just want to help your community, look at these tips.  
[www.dofe.org/thelatest/volunteer-remotely](http://www.dofe.org/thelatest/volunteer-remotely)
- Physical
  - Are you struggling with your #DofE physical section? There is a fantastic selection of fitness ideas which can be done at home on the NHS Fitness studio website: <http://nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio...#DofEwithadifference>
- Skill
  - British Sign Language @BritishSignBSL are currently offering students the chance to sign up for an online sign language course for only £3.00. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn sign language from home for at least 3 months. #DofEwithadifference [british-sign.co.uk](http://british-sign.co.uk)
  - Daily exercise is important for your physical & mental well-being. Have you seen inspirational scenes when out? Why not try photography with @sharpshot-photo and create a portfolio for your skill section? For more info visit -

<https://bit.ly/2VbI89f> #DofEwithadifference

- U:bee is a non-profit organisation, helping young people be the best they can be. @UBeeOnline1 is a DofE Approved Activity provider that offers inspirational, affordable, fun online skills and hobbies courses from just £29. Visit - [ubee.org.uk](http://ubee.org.uk) #DofEwithadifference
- Expedition
- Even though you can't take part in your expedition at the moment, why not check out these online activities for young navigators from @ELOutdoorEd ?

<https://bit.ly/3bpVrIH> A great way to learn #expedition skills. #DofEWithADifference

- TwoPointSixChallenge
- And if you are looking for a challenge this weekend why not get involved in the #TwoPointSixChallenge, a national fundraising initiative to save the UK's charities. Choose an activity based around the numbers 2.6 or 26, and raise or donate £26 to help the #DofE charity continue its work supporting young people. <http://dofe.org/challenge/2.6>. We would love to hear your story!

## Total Merits for Current Period by House Year 6 to Year 13 Inclusive

From 20-Apr-2020

To: 24-Apr-2020

House	Merits	Demerits	Effective Merits	Position
Collingwood	74	0	74	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Drake	70	0	70	4 <sup>th</sup>
Nelson	103	0	103	1 <sup>st</sup>
Rodney	83	0	83	2 <sup>nd</sup>

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