



Round up: Issue 01

Secondary

Welcome to the first edition of our children's newsletter, The Wiltshire Round Up. There is lots of news and great things happening in our schools which we are really looking forward to sharing with you in this newsletter over the coming weeks.

This is your newsletter so we want it to reflect the subjects you're interested in talking about and sharing.

Please ask your parent/carer to share with us any pictures (attach the picture as a jpeg to your email) and a few words on what you've been up to during the current times and we'll do our best to put them in the next edition. You can email your contributions to events@wiltshire.gov.uk but please do so by 5pm each Tuesday. Any pictures sent over will only be used in the newsletter but photos are stored for two years and then deleted.

A Challenge!

Lewis Carroll is well known for writing Alice in Wonderland. He also loved problem solving and invented a puzzle called a Doublet. You start with a word and have to change it in the least number of steps, one letter at a time to an end word. There is just one rule to follow – each new word must be a legal English word! Eg to get from Four to Five:

FOUR - FOUL - FOOL - FOOD - FOND - FIND - FINE - FIVE

Can you change **FLOUR** to **BREAD** in seven steps?

FLOUR _____ _____ _____
 _____ _____ _____ BREAD

Can you change **OAT** to **RYE** in five steps?

OAT _____ _____ _____ RYE

A Conundrum

If you add the square of Tom's age to the age of Mary, the sum is 62; but if you add the square of Mary's age to the age of Tom, the result is 176.

Can you say what are the ages of Tom and Mary?

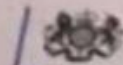
Remember

- In each step only one letter is replaced
- No letters can be added or taken away (the number of letters in the word is constant)
- All words must be legal English words
- The first and last words count when counting the number of steps

April Fools' Day

Another April Fools' Day came and went this week and many of you may have seen this letter being circulated

Did you fall for it?


HM Government


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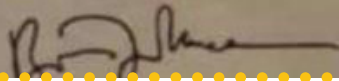
Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all you have done so far to keep your child at home during this quarantine period. Thanks to you, we will beat this virus far more quickly, and we can return to normal by early 2021.

Unfortunately this means your child will have missed over 200 days of school by the time we return to normality. I would like to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are doing everything we can to ensure that your child's education is not spoilt in any way by this pandemic, and that they can still grow to be world leaders in industry, science and engineering.

For this reason, when the schools do reopen, we will quickly make up for lost time by not only teaching your children from Monday to Friday, but also making it compulsory for your child to attend school on Saturdays, Sundays, half terms and holidays. We will review this in 2025, and hopefully by then, your child will be back to the standard level of education that we expect.

Yours Sincerely



Keeping safe and who can help

Even though you may not be in school at the moment, everyone at your school wants you to know that we are still thinking about you.

If you have questions, or need help, then the information below may help you.

Childline, call for free on **0800 1111** or get in touch online at: www.childline.org.uk

A message from Carer Support Wiltshire

It can be a scary time for a lot of Young Carers during the coronavirus outbreak, especially if you look after someone vulnerable, or someone becomes ill.

Please remember you are not alone and we will do our best to make sure you are supported during this time.

Find info, advice and resources for young carers during this time below

If you're worried about someone in your household or someone you look after, contact a trusted adult, or you can contact the **Wiltshire Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH) Team** on **0300 456 0108** (out of hours: 0300 456 0100).

You can also call Carer Support Wiltshire on **0800 181 4118** for non emergency advice and information (Mon-Thurs 9:30-16:30, Friday 9:30-16:00).

Wiltshire School Nurse Team Support

The school nursing service are available to support during this time.

If you are at secondary school:

- Confidential telephone drop-in service – any young person that would like to call and speak to a qualified nurse can call **0300 247 0090** Monday to Friday 12-2pm.
- CHAT health text service – you can text a school nurse on **07480 635513** for advice or support for any health issues or worries. This is confidential and you don't need to give your name if you don't want to.

Fantastic Facts!

1. It is impossible to lick your own elbow – try it!
2. Pigs can't look up into the sky – it's physically impossible.
3. The shark is the only fish that can blink with both eyes.
4. The number four is the only one with the same amount of letters.

Did you know...

The creation of teabags was an accident! A New York tea merchant began sending out samples in silk bags. The customers thought they should put the whole bag in the pot instead of pouring out the tea, bringing about the invention of the teabag.