



Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School Newsletter



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Usually this is the time of year that we all walk up to Chaddesley Woods and look at the beautiful abundance of bluebell flowers there. Maybe when you are out and about walking for your exercise, you will see some Bluebells and can remind your children about this tradition and how next year it will be extra special for having missed it. We have found 10 interesting facts to tell children about Bluebells:-

- 1) Bluebells are also called 'fairy flowers.' According to an old myth, fairies used bluebells to lure and trap people passing by in the woods - especially children.
- 2) Another myth is that if you wear a wreath of bluebells you will be compelled to tell the truth.
- 3) Bluebells are poisonous and contain about 15 biologically active compounds to defend themselves from animals and insect pests. But scientists are now researching how these toxic chemicals could one day help treat cancer.
- 4) The first bluebells are believed to have appeared in Britain after the last Ice Age.
- 5) In the Bronze Age feathers were stuck on arrows with glue made from bluebells.
- 6) During Queen Elizabeth I's reign starch was made from the crushed bulbs of bluebells to stiffen their big ruff collars.
- 7) Bluebells are protected under law in UK. If you dig up and sell a wild bluebell you can be fined £5000 per bulb.
- 8) It takes at least five years for a bluebell seed to grow into a bulb.
- 9) Bees rely heavily on the flowers' nectar in the spring but sometimes they 'steal' it by biting a hole in the bottom of the bell.
- 10) There are rare 'albino' bluebells which are white as they lack the blue pigment.



If you haven't already seen it, please ensure you take a look at our Facebook Page - Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School.

There is a very special "We're all in this together with love from everyone at Chaddesley Corbett Primary School" message for you and your families.

Make sure you watch right to the very end!!

Are you a parent or a carer in Worcestershire?

Do you have children with additional needs or communication difficulties?

It is a difficult time for everyone. As adults it is difficult for us to take in all of the information and change that Covid-19 has caused in our lives.

It is even harder to help children and young people cope with all the uncertainties and disruption. Children who are feeling anxious and unsettled often show this in many different ways, including through their behaviour or communication.

We are here to help you.

You can email us for support - one of our team will call you back.

You can find resources related to Covid-19 on our website below. We are adding new resources every week.



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Getting through COVID-19



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Garden Bonfire Advice

Advice during lockdown

It would be really helpful if people could avoid having bonfires during this Coronavirus lockdown period. While we know that the current weather makes getting out in the garden very tempting, lots of the false alarms we attend are caused by bonfires.

Bonfires can get out of control very easily.

Please help us to help you by reducing any activity that could lead to us being called out.

Bonfire safety advice

If you want to burn off garden waste, here's some safety advice:

- site any bonfire well away from buildings, fences, trees and garden structures
- don't light a bonfire on a windy day, as it could flare up more than you expect
- be courteous to your neighbours - fires may add to the respiratory difficulties of those suffering from the coronavirus
- never use flammable liquids such as petrol or paraffin to start a bonfire
- don't burn foam filled furniture, aerosols, bottles or paints
- keep people, especially children away from the fire. If children are present, ensure they are supervised at all times
- never leave a bonfire unattended
- have a garden hose to hand in case the fire starts to get out of control
- always pour water over embers to ensure a bonfire is fully extinguished before leaving it

If the fire gets out of control

If a fire should get out of hand, call 999 and ask for the Fire & Rescue Service

0800 032 1155

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Click on the link below for this weeks free virtual assembly from Picture News

www.vimeo.com/channels/picturenews

Please see letter attached explaining how this can help with your child's literacy skills

Guidance from the DfE for Parents/Carers on supporting your children's education during coronavirus (COVID-19)

Guidance on helping children aged 2 to 4 learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-aged-2-to-4-to-learn-at-home-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping primary aged children learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-primary-school-children-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>

Guidance on helping with special educational needs and disabilities learn at home can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/help-children-with-send-continue-their-education-during-coronavirus-covid-19>