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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed the bank holiday; we have certainly been fortunate with the weather!

On Friday we re-communicated our opening plan to you all. Just to reiterate that we **opened today for key worker and vulnerable children** and that **we will be opening for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 6 and ASU pupils, who indicated that they would like to return to schooling, from Wednesday 3rd June**. Bubbles have been created with no more than 15 pupils and start and drop off times are staggered to avoid congestion and contact. **School will be closed on Fridays to all the returning groups, with the exception of key worker and vulnerable children**, this will allow us to deep clean, review the week and set up safely for the following week. I am conscious that many parents have been in touch since the Prime Minister's announcement on Thursday about returning to school. For now, we are only taking children back in the priority groups specified above. As we have planned bubbles and staffing, **we cannot take any further pupils in the priority year groups until we review in mid-June**. We will be in contact with you in due course regarding this. It is important that we ensure that all returning pupils and staff are safe.

Home Learning will continue for all pupils who are not in school and as always this has been uploaded on to the school website for you to access. However, any parent wishing to **collect a paper pack** will be able to do so on a **Monday morning between 10.30am and 11:30am** from the front car park. Please **contact the school office** office@firtree.newburyacademytrust.org to arrange this **in advance** please for next week, so that a pack is prepared for you. No parents are allowed in school buildings.

Class email contact will remain, but response time will be longer because most of our class teachers will be class based. Teachers will aim to respond within 24 hours.

It is the start of a new week, so as always time for **assembly and my thought for the week** to aid discussions at home. This week's Headteacher's school assembly is based on a topic being discussed in the news this week.

This week's assembly is focused on:



The number of people seeking to start a career in the healthcare sector has risen during the pandemic, official figures reveal. Health leaders said the wish shown by thousands of people to help them to fight illness was “truly humbling”. The NHS Health Careers website has seen a 220% rise in people expressing an interest in becoming a nurse.

Question: Why do people choose the jobs they do?

You may this week's Virtual Assembly here: www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Or discuss yourself as follows:

Listen, think, share

- Look at this week's poster and talk about what we can see. Explain that many people have chosen to show their gratitude to the NHS and key workers – including our teachers who are still working very hard and helping us all during the coronavirus pandemic. Explain that there has been a huge increase in the number of people wanting to work in healthcare at the moment. Why do we think this might be the case?
- Can you make a list of all of the people who are still working to help us all during this difficult time? *E.g. workers such as delivery drivers, farmers, teachers, as well as hospital staff.*
- Ask your child if they've ever thought about what they want to do or be when they are older. Talk about how we are all different! Some people know what they want to do and end up doing that job, others have no idea and end up in a job they love and others will change their path many times over their life! What things do we think help people choose jobs? *E.g. where we live, family or what we enjoy doing?*

- **Watch this week's useful video** – 7 Facts about the NHS
www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06c9qw6
- What did we learn about the NHS that we didn't know before?
- Read through the assembly resource below, which provides information about the rise in people wanting to work in the healthcare industry. *Did you know about all the different jobs within healthcare? Are you surprised at how many people work in this sector?*

Assembly Resource

Read through the resource below, which provides information about the rise in people wanting to work in the healthcare industry. Did you know about all the different jobs within healthcare? Are you surprised at how many people work in this sector?

What is the...



The NHS stands for the National Health Service. It refers to the UK Government's health and medical care service that everyone in the UK can use.

The number of people registering an account on the NHS Jobs website has increased from 61,000 to 82,000 over the last month!

The number of people looking to study medicine has soared during the pandemic and the NHS Health Careers website has seen a 220% rise in Britons expressing an interest in becoming a nurse!

There are around 350 different types of jobs in healthcare! Including ambulance paramedics, dentists, pharmacists, office staff, scientists and cleaning staff.

"The huge support NHS staff have received from the public has been a massive boost as they tackle the greatest global health challenge in the health service's history"

Prerana Issar, chief people officer for the NHS.



Do you ever think about what you'd like to do or be as you get older?

Reflection

There are lots of different jobs for us to consider as we get older – and many different reasons for choosing them! We may want to work alongside our family members or friends, because there are certain things we are good at or simply because we love the job we do!

This Week's Useful Vocabulary

Express – to show or share a thought or feeling.

Gratitude – being thankful and showing appreciation for something.

Humbling – cause someone to feel less important or proud of themselves.

Pandemic – an outbreak of disease that has spread over several countries or the world.

Sector – a part or branch of a nation's economy or society such as education, healthcare, manufacturing.

Seeking – attempt to find something.

I hope that you have found assemblies helpful, even interesting from your own point of view. In school they are normally 30 minutes and is a nice way to start your Monday or to use when your children need a break from learning, these will continue this term and classes will explore every Monday in their bubbles.

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My thought for the week is based on **positivity**. We are all doing a fabulous job during these times. Little steps and trying your hardest all add up in the end and make a difference!

As always I hope that you are all safe. Have an enjoyable week and thank you for all your support and I look forward to sharing with you all the fabulous things that have taken place in our school community this week on Friday.

Yours sincerely



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