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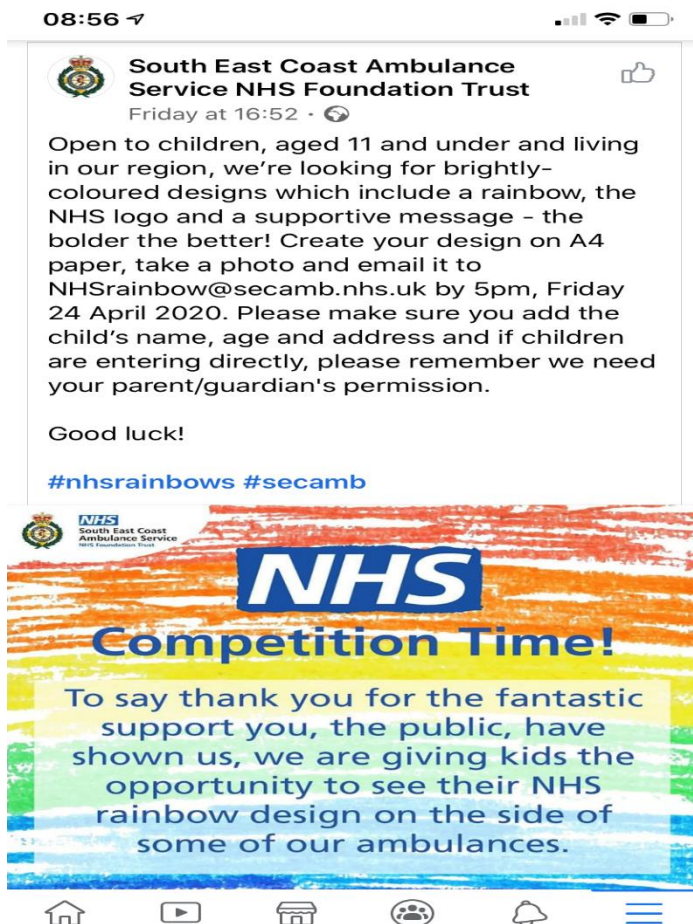
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Dear Parents,

Well, we have reached the end of another week. I am not sure if I actually am getting used to this situation – although I certainly know that it feels as though it has been going on forever and I have no idea which day it is when I wake up!

I apologise for the very short notice, but we have just picked up on a competition being run by the South East Coast Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust. Details are attached but the closing date is 5pm today! If your child would like to design a picture, but is obviously unable to meet the deadline, we would love to receive pictures in school. We could then laminate them and display them around the school site as a sign of support for the NHS at this time. Once again, I am sorry for the late notice – I hope that some of you will have seen details earlier and already entered the competition.



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Matt Thacker has sent through a new PE challenge for us to share with you. I hope you and your children are enjoying them. I think half of the population will end lockdown fitter than they ever have been, and the other half (including me!) will have realised that lockdown simply makes their clothes shrink! The link is below:

PE at Home // Full Body Workout <https://youtu.be/QxY8PuXCPE>

I would love to know of activities, resources and websites that you may have found useful during this period, that we may be unaware of. I know that many of you share ideas on class WhatsApp groups and the like, but would love to be able to collate these ideas and share them more widely. If you have any ideas, tips or helpful hints that might make things a little easier for others at this time, please do let us know and hopefully we will be able to compile a bank of resources for parents to use.

With no date set for a return to school, I intend to develop key areas of our support to parents over the coming weeks. Next week I shall be sharing some ideas of activities for worship and reflection with you that follow guidance from the Diocese. We shall also be developing the school website to offer some ideas on how to support children's (and adults') mental health during this period. I hope you will find both of these developments helpful.

We are today emailing parents who we believe have requested paper copies of home learning packs. The list has changed a few times over the course of the week, so I do apologise if there are any errors! If you have received an email but no longer need a pack, or have not received an email and do need one, *please email me directly at headteacher@leybourne.kent.sch.uk* in order for me to add you to the final version of the list. Once the list is finalised today, that will be the list we work from each week. Thank you.

We are all finding our feet through this, and it is my genuine hope that we are able to work together and support each other through an incredibly difficult time. I would hate to think that any parents felt that we were adding undue pressure at this time with regard to home learning or feedback. Please just do what you can and do not feel bad about the things you cannot achieve. At this time, just pick your battles and remember tomorrow is another day – even if it does feel like Groundhog Day!

Take care, and stay safe.

Kind regards

Tina Holditch