

Thursday 7th May 2020

Dear Parent

Good afternoon. I hope you continue to stay safe and well and that you are finding ways to cope in these difficult times.

Learning at Home

We know and appreciate that sometimes parents and children may struggle with learning at home. As each week goes by it also just gets a little bit harder, we all feel this. We hope the introduction of the video calls has helped. Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to feedback on this.

Schools 'Re-opening'

There has been much speculation about when schools should re-open and I appreciate that children, parents and staff would like news on this. We all just want to get back to normal as soon as possible. Sadly, it is unlikely that we will get back to normal for some considerable time and we will have to learn to adapt to this new 'COVID' world. I can tell you that I know no more, than what we all learn via daily briefings and the government website. The current reporting suggests that announcements will be made on Sunday. We will continue to follow the advice from the Government and when we re-open we will do so together as a Federation.

When we do return we will all make sure that the school environment is as safe as it can possibly be for everyone. We appreciate that there will need to be changes to the curriculum when the children return. We will work to fill gaps in academic learning but first we need to focus on ensuring that all children are supported in their social and emotional needs as they cope with the changes to our world.

Behind the scenes we are making sure that business continues as much as possible ensuring we are ready to respond to announcements and that we are fully staffed for the new school year in September. We are working hard to ensure that our schools emerge from this crisis in a good position to face the future and support our children to recover from the impact of this situation.

Book Swap

There will be reading book swap sessions at each school 10.30-11.30am Tuesday 12th May 2020. Exercise books can also be provided if needed. Children may attend with parents if needed.

Bank Holiday

Tomorrow 8th of May is the first of the May Bank Holidays. Optional ideas and suggestions will be sent however, we recognise it is a Bank Holiday and work is optional.

And Finally

As we end another week, I would like to echo some of the comments received this week and thank all staff, both behind the scenes and the teachers and support staff we depend on, for all their work and dedication. Your efforts are clearly appreciated

*'Thank you so much for the Zoom. ***** has been a different child since seeing everyone.'*

*'Just wanted to thank you for the video session this morning - ***** really enjoyed being able to see her friends' faces, she loved the quiz!*

*'The Zoom has lifted us all so much, and re motivated *****'. We really appreciated all you are doing.'*

Very best wishes.

Yours sincerely

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