



NEWSLETTER

Friday 27th March 2020

Dear Parents/ carers,

I am pleased to have been able to make contact with all of you this week and to hear that you are well, albeit finding working and schooling from home at the same time a bit of a challenge. You are not alone. All staff, including myself, have been trying to manage in similar circumstances and recognise that the best intentions may not always go to plan! I would ask that you do not become overly concerned about the level of work being achieved at home. It is impossible to replicate the school day under these unusual circumstances.

Google Classroom

Our home learning provision has been positively received and seems to be working well. My thanks to Miss Withey who set this up and to all the staff who are keeping it up to date. Please note that the work on here is a suggestion and you may not be able to complete all of it or you may decide to undertake other activities with your child.

Going forward, we are mindful of the work and cost involved in parents printing off lots of materials and have therefore discussed as a team the need to limit worksheets. I am also aware of the current Government guidelines of avoiding any unnecessary journeys to, for example, pick up work packs. Therefore, we will no longer be providing these printed resources for you to collect from school.

We will try to respond to all of your messages on Google Classroom and will look at the work that has been completed. However, all work will not be marked and fed back in detail as this would require a huge amount of printing for staff to be able to do this.

Work for each week will be uploaded each Monday morning.

Yesterday, Mrs Cooksley held a very successful story time for Acorn class using Zoom. Zoom is a very effective way of keeping in touch and we have discussed rolling this type of contact out to all classes so watch out for further details of how we will be using this.

Keeping in Touch

Although our core business may be closed, the staff at our school are still very much working to ensure that those children at home are being given relevant learning opportunities and those children of key workers are cared for whilst their parents carry out the important work that they have to do. Staff recognise and appreciate that we are a privileged minority who will be paid regardless and school will remain open for these pupils—including in the school holidays— for as long as is necessary. Although, we may be closed to many, we are still here for you all. Please keep in touch and share all that you have been doing as well as contacting me should you have any concerns or queries.

Thank you for the lovely messages that you have sent me showing your appreciation of all that the school is doing.

I will continue to make contact with you all each week. This may be by email, text or phone call.

In the meantime, enjoy this glorious weather but remember to follow government guidance:

Stay at home

- Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)
- Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home

You can spread the virus even if you don't have symptoms

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