

Headteacher's Update: 27th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Hello to you all. I hope that you are all well and, despite needing to use remote/virtual methods of communication, I still want to send encouragement - to you and our children -at this unusual and challenging time.

May I begin by saying a hugely heart felt and sincere thank you to each and everyone of you for the tremendous support, encouragement and levels of engagement given on the 'home front' during these last five weeks. I am only too well aware that this is not something any of you as Parents/Carers thought you would find yourself doing but doing it you are and, may I say, in grand style too. I am most grateful also for your continued communication with us (by email, Class Dojo and Tapestry) making us aware of any concerns or glitches you have encountered (as this allows us to investigate these further and correct them as quickly as is possible), as well as sharing and celebrating your children's achievements with us.

I would also like to take time here to very publicly commend my colleagues. We talk about working alongside others day by day and of course this in itself has taken on a whole new meaning. I am extremely grateful for their professionalism and dedication demonstrated by each and everyone of them as they set daily tasks and chase those who might not be as engaged as they ought to be with the provision provided.

It would be remiss of me not to mention those staff who are working at school to provide an ongoing service for our key workers and those more vulnerable families within our community. Thanks to all the teachers, teaching assistance and time supervisors. In addition, those who are working behind the scenes to keep the school running and keep it a safe place to be. Thank you to Mrs Furness, Mr Rickaby and Mrs Lane.

As you are aware, there is a lot of talk in the media around when and how schools will return. We are guided by the government and the local authority on this and want to reassure you that, when we return to school, we do so safely and in a considered manner. Communicating these changes and expectations to you will be an important part of this transition. No doubt, maintaining social distances will be high on the agenda, to taking any step forward. Safeguarding the children is always our primary consideration.

In the meantime, it is important to continue the fabulous work that you are doing with your children at this time. My colleagues are here to help - so if there are any questions that you may have or are confused by some element of home learning, then please do not hesitate to contact them. If there are resources that your child feels that they need at this time to support them in their learning, I am certain that we can arrange this.

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Communication from School

- The teachers are sending **daily emails** to parents for the next day of learning. So you should continue to expect an email on Sunday for Monday, Monday for Tuesday and so on.
- I will also endeavour to send our a '**Headteacher Update**' every Monday for your information. This will help to keep in touch with you regularly during the rest of this crisis and also share plans for returning to school.
- Class teachers are also sending out a **Class Newsletter** every Friday - to celebrate your successes and to keep all children in touch with each other.

I trust that this programme of communicate will help us all during this time.

Until we meet again, please continue to take care of yourselves and stay safe.

Best wishes

Mike Warren