

Monday 30-3-2020

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your wider families are all keeping well. It seems so much longer than a week since the school closed to most of the pupils. We are, as you know, still offering child care to the children of key workers who are unable to care for them safely at home.

I'm sure you will have spent the first week just trying to adjust to the situation and the restrictions that came into place early last week. I hope that you are gradually being able to develop some kind of daily routines. I know it must be incredibly difficult to look after young children with the social distancing rules that are in place. I know that you will have other pressures too from running the household, getting shopping in difficult circumstances, possibly trying to work at home, alongside concerns and worries you will have about the safety and well-being of your wider family members. You are all in our thoughts.

With these pressures in mind, we do not wish to overburden you with endless supplies of work for the children to complete and for you to worry that they haven't yet done all that their teachers have asked them to do. Your child may have been keen to do their work, on the other hand your child may have been reluctant so far. I do think that after the first week or two, the reluctant children will be more willing to do their work.

The staff and I feel that reading is one of the top priorities. For the older readers who are now fluent, once they are 'into' a book then it is a pleasurable experience and no battles are needed! For the younger pupils, daily practice could be first on your list. After that, keeping up with the online maths work is important and the children have plenty of activities set by their teachers that are fun and engaging.

Please look at the class pages on the website that are being updated by the teachers.

A Message to the Children

Dear Children,

I hope that you are ok and know that I am thinking about you every day. I understand that it is very strange not being in school and not being able to see all of your friends. It is tricky having to stay in your house and not play outside with your friends and family. If we are all very good and do what we are being

asked to do by the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, we will be able to get back to normal so that you can come back to school again.

I would like you to keep looking at your class page on the website so you can see what your teacher wants you to do. Most of all I want you to keep reading every day. Reading is a great way to have fun and to keep up your reading age until you get back to school. After the reading please try to do the maths that your teachers have given you (they can see who has been doing the work so far).

Parents and pupils, please take care of yourselves and your families.

With very best wishes,

N. Park

Headteacher.