

Thursday 2nd April 2020

Dear Parents and children,

I hope that you are all ok and looking after each other.

It certainly feels strange not to be in school and I know all the staff are thinking about you all lots. We miss saying good morning to you each day and checking how you are.

I am really pleased that so many of you have been accessing your work via PurpleMash and Mathletics. It has also been really uplifting to see your work and comments on our Twitter feed.

We understand that not everyone will be working online but I hope you are also using your workbooks and packs that were sent home or delivered to you. It is important to make sure you are reading each day, your teachers have shared lots of ideas for reading and also you can find lots of audio/online books out there.

Please remember that you need to take some time to relax and I hope that you have been able to get some air too. If you have a garden or balcony try and find some time each day to go outside.

As I have said before learning can look very different to the formal learning that you experience at school. Take this time to learn how to help at home, do some cooking, cleaning, maybe even tidy your bedroom! It is a strange time for everyone and means we all have to do things differently. It is important to support each other.

As a mum of a 10 year old, I know all too well how much time can be wasted playing computer/console games. Please try to limit your screen time. If you are on your device do you have games that can involve other family members? Games that make you think beyond chasing someone? Games that get you active?

If you have access to a computer perhaps this is the time to learn how to touch type. This is a skill that you can use for the rest of your life.

You may have learning ideas that you can share with us too. We'd love to hear from you.

The teachers have been working really hard to think of different ways of engaging with you and I have had to tell them that they also need to relax at times too. Believe it or not teachers would work 24/7 if I let them.

So, for the next 2 weeks it is the Easter break. I have told teachers not to set work for you to complete so that you and them can switch off and relax.

They may put a few ideas on Twitter but please do not expect work to be set each day, as it has been so far. We will continue to set daily work after the Easter break.

The families who are entitled to Free Schools Meals should have collected their vouchers from school by now. If you haven't and you feel that you do not need the voucher please let me know and I will offer to families who are finding things particularly difficult at the moment. Thank you to those who have already been in touch to say they do not need the voucher.

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You may have seen in the news that the Government is going to be supporting schools to offer vouchers. I am waiting for the email from the Government and once this arrives I will be in touch with our Free School Meal families.

I hope that we will be back to 'normal' soon but in the meantime please stay safe, stay at home and if you have to go out follow the social distancing rules.

With love and best wishes

Mrs Caroline Andrews

Head teacher.