

19th June 2020

Weekly update.

Good morning,

I hope that you are all well.

**THANK
YOU**

I wanted to say a big thank you to all the staff at Reay who continue to work incredibly hard to support you and your children. Without the dedication of our staff we would not have been open to more children over the course of the past two weeks. They continue to work hard to support those children who are unable to be in school and I appreciate the efforts they are going to make this happen.

I must say another HUGE 'thank you' to you for all the support you have shown the school and your children. Again, without such a supportive parent body Reay would not be the wonderful school community that it is.

My third message must be for the children. We have been so proud of how the children have adapted to the online learning and have been so impressed with the work that has been posted on Twitter and PurpleMash. The children who have returned to school have been an absolute pleasure, they have arrived happily and ready to learn- due to this our life has been made that little bit easier. However, I cannot forget the children who are unable to return to school due to our restrictions or family/individual health.

My message to the children who are at home (please share with your children).

Hello everyone! How are you?

I wanted to reach out to you and let you know how much we miss you all! School is just not the same without you all here and from the bottom of my heart I want you to know that we are thinking about you and are so PROUD of you. Your work has been incredible, we have seen; talents that some of you have been hiding, such determination and creativity that my heart aches to have you all back at school.

Please look after yourselves and please remember to take time to relax and play. I cannot wait until I can greet you all at the gate each morning and to hear your laughter in the playground and listen to your tales from lockdown.

Mrs Andrews.

Ps. don't forget to check the shared blogs on Purple Mash for our assemblies – it would be great if you can join in the Windrush on Monday at 10.27 and share your singing with us on Twitter and/or Purple Mash. At Reay we will be out on the street singing- hopefully you'll hear us.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dpusB6_CNNw&feature=youtu.be

<https://love.lambeth.gov.uk/windrush-day-2020/?medium=email&source=GovDelivery>

In other news

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- We have been contacted regarding possible funding for families who are struggling financially during the pandemic. While I appreciate that this is quite a sensitive subject, I feel it is important to share this with you. The fund is from the Red Cross and the referrals need to be made via school.

If you have found yourself in a position where you are unable to access the furlough scheme, lost your job, no longer able to rely on support from elsewhere then you may be eligible. Please contact the school office and ask for Mrs Andrews to call you regarding the Red Cross and we will see what we can do. I will contact you next week to discuss further.

- Next week we will start working with School Food Matters again at Reay. They will be delivering breakfast boxes that you will be able to collect, free of charge. We will send out a text next week once we have received the breakfast items with details of when and where you can collect from. The breakfast boxes are for all families, who may need them, and not just for families are eligible for free school meals.



- I have been asked by a few families if Reay will remain open over the summer holidays. I am afraid the answer is no. Staff have been working nonstop since lockdown began and they need time to prepare for September and have a break. For families who will require childcare I have been in touch with YPM and they

are looking at what they will be able offer locally. Once I have further details, I will let you know.

Have a lovely weekend, I have heard rumours that the sun is going to make a comeback!

Mrs Andrews