

Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a strange end to Spring Term. No one could ever have predicted the position we find ourselves in right now and it's hopefully unlikely that we will ever find ourselves in this position again.

From the many conversations and communication myself and staff have had with parents this week and last, it seems that people are managing exceptionally well. Some days might have seemed more difficult than others but remember we are all new to this way of working. For those of you who may not feel as positive, reflect on these statements:

- Your kids survived on snacks yesterday. They are safe and they are loved.
- Your kids had too much tablet time. They are still safe and they are still loved.
- Your routine is a bit all over the place, they are sleeping in or going to bed later. Yes, guess what, they are still safe and loved though.
- You haven't completed all of the 'home learning' sent home. Your children are still safe, still loved and are learning **all the time** with you.

Don't be too hard on yourself, this is a challenging time for everyone and no one is 'perfect' at it. If you can say that today you talked to your children, hugged them tight, shared things with them, helped them learn something new (this doesn't mean a worksheet) and made them feel cared for.....you have had a successful day and you are a success.

At this point, it seems wrong to say have a 'good holiday' but I sincerely hope you and your families are able to stay safe and look after each other during the next two weeks.

No 'work' will be sent out during the Easter break. For those still wanting to access the Mathematics, Audible books and other resources that have been sent out, they are still there for you.

From Monday 20th April, staff will be emailing work to you on a Monday, ready for the week ahead. Choose what you want to access from it and complete what you feel is appropriate at a time that suits you and your family. Staff will continue to support you with any queries/questions and will regularly be checking their emails. If you would like to speak to a member of staff, rather than email, let them know and they will accommodate this at a convenient time for you both. Staff would love you to check in with them weekly (more if you want to) by sending photographs, emails, scanned documents, videos (if you are able to) to the email addresses you have in the learning pack. I have also attached some online safety suggestions to this email, which may be of use to you.

Take care and stay safe,



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