

Important updates and WFH - Tuesday May 12th

Dear all,

Don't fret, worry or panic about any announcements about school re-opening for some ! At the moment details are very, very sketchy and without detail. Until we have more details and clarity we won't share anything else and we are back to where we were at the beginning, acting on **'fact not fiction.'**

We have lots to think about and plan for, remember it is an **'ambition'** of the government for schools to reopen for some pupils from June 1st, it is not definite or a given. It depends on the national picture as well as our own ability and staffing as a school. It is also dependent on 'if you want to send your child' as you cannot be forced and we would not punish you in any form during these unprecedented times.

You must be happy, re-assured and content that your child is safe at school (we can only 'do our best' and cannot completely guarantee anything). One thing is certain, school will not be the same as it was when your child left it and there will be procedures and aspects that will be very different for children, parents and staff (more details later in the week). You will have a thousand questions, as we do, but we don't have all of the answers yet (remember we find out information AT EXACTLY THE SAME TIME as you).

We may also be in a situation where people have to return to work and see themselves as 'key' workers and we are overwhelmed with applications. We will only consider new applications if you have **NO other alternatives and you are crucial to the fight against Covid 19.** Each individual application will be judged on its individual merit (we don't need a letter from an employer as every employer would consider their worker a key worker). Please, please think about this carefully, we understand that people are under extreme pressure and money may be a major issue but we want to operate safely.

More information to follow later in the week

WFH

Curriculum updates - these are focussed on learning and ideas for the week ahead. **FROM NEXT WEEK THESE WILL PUBLISHED EVERY MONDAY.** A big 'thank you' to all of the teachers for putting these together. The teachers can see what your child has completed/taken part in on Education City, Spelling Shed and TT Stars and some are a little concerned by the lack of engagement by some (this may be issues with IT, access to computers, flash player issues with Education City or you are doing other work). We also love to see your work and photos by e-mailing admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk.

Thank you to parents/carers for 'doing your best' during these challenging times. Please make sure your children are doing some form of learning and keeping up with core skills (spelling, handwriting, times tables, writing and maths work etc).

Music - please find attached resources for music learning this week from Encore.

Short burst - please use the picture from today to inspire writing but also for art ideas or anything else that you and your child feel inspired by. You might decide to design your own toy (the process of design through drawing, labelling, testing materials and evaluating your idea) or develop a storybook.

PE and School Games challenge -

Please see previous updates with the challenges for this week (football or ball 'keep ups' etc).

Kind regards and lots more information to follow in the days and weeks ahead.

Take care and best wishes

Mr Batstone

Attachments

[Week 4 music lessons.docx](#)

[Web links for home learning Summer term Week 4\[31607\].docx](#)