

# Welcome back and WFH - Monday April 20th 2020

Hello everyone,

We are back and we hope you had a safe and happy Easter. School was open for key worker children all over the Easter holidays and bank holidays so a big 'thank you' to all of the staff involved.

## News and updates

1. There is no date for a return to school, as the Education Minister stated yesterday at the daily briefing it will be based on evidence and when it is safe to do so. Social distancing with a small number of pupils is challenging so 200+ would be interesting ! Hopefully it will be the start of June or the end of May (this is just a self generated idea as we have NO other information). On our return we will be sharing all of the learning your child has been doing at home. We want to return before the summer to finish the year properly, hopefully have sports day and to complete our year properly for all of the children.

2. We have only actually **missed 10 days** of school up to this point and today was meant to be an INSET day. Children are very resilient and 'bounce back' quickly but we need to start the learning habits now (or you may have continued over the holidays anyway !).

3. All of the staff are safe and well. The teachers have been working hard on developing their Curriculum Updates and giving new ideas for learning. We will not be doing any 'live' lessons or anything like that (teaching is based on relationships ! I also saw a comment on Twitter where someone said ' you don't message the mechanic to tell you how to fix the car or watch a video !' Though I am sure we have all done that with You Tube to see how to fix something !) Teachers can also see who has accessed the tasks on Education City, Sum Dog and the other resources available.

They are also starting to work on your child's report - a similar format to normal but probably slightly shorter but still personal to them.

4. Either today (Monday) or tomorrow (Tuesday) each teacher will be posting a Curriculum Update on the school website with tasks, ideas and new teaching. We would **encourage you**, whatever year group your child is in, to actively engage with the learning and make sure your children have good habits before we return to school. We would encourage you to set a timetable for just the mornings (9am - 12 pm or 1pm is more than enough as it is very intense). Please complete the tasks you are set but not all of them will be on-line (as we understand it might be difficult and we don't want everything to be on-line).

5. When will you ever have the opportunity again to spend so much time together because you have to. For some it may be difficult, for others a challenge and for others an opportunity.

6. The goggles that were generously donated are now at the hospital. Thank you to all of the people who kindly gave these (you may not see them again !!).

7. **Parents/Carers** - do your best with your child's learning. No one can ask anymore and you know what works in your house at the moment. **Children** - we are expecting you to do some work or it will be really hard to form good habits when we return to school.

8. **Year 6** - you need to be planning the Legacy Community Garden - animals at the far end (please research Llamas !) and growing spaces/allotments at the end nearest the road. We have to solve the problem of water (it may be that we have to ask the waterboard for a stand pipe onto the field) or you may have a sustainable solution (it will need quite a lot !). Please start to map and plan your ideas to share when we return. Your budget needs to be minimal !!

### **Learning ideas**

- Attached is a photo for this weeks short burst (30 minute writing task) for any age group. Jot down the ideas that come into your head regarding the photo. Generate some questions - how did the dogs and the hippo come to be in the same place ? Is this a stand off ? Are they friends ? Did the hippo go in after a ball that was thrown ? Then construct some writing (this week could be a story).

- Poster for the Nuffield Hospital - some of you have done posters already and sent them in. The Nuffield would like some good quality, inspiring posters for the NHS workers as well as the patients. Please scan them or photograph them and e-mail to [admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk](mailto:admin@madley.hereford.sch.uk) and we will print them up and get them to the right places.

- Practise your handwriting everyday for 10 minutes.

- Read everyday for at least 10 minutes.

- Spelling Shed, Sum Dog, Education City and TT RockStars are good for practise and work (but no more than 1 hour per day and not all in one go).

I will publish some more ideas as the week progresses but you will have a lot of ideas on the updates. Please share any learning either by e-mailing school or Twitter, it has been lovely to see what people have been doing and your successes.

Kind regards

Mr Batstone

### **Attachments**

[Hippo dog.jpg](#)