

WFH and other news - June 15th 2020

Dear all,

We hope you all had a good weekend. Hopefully home learning is 'back up and running' after half term and the following week. Children who are eligible for school have settled really well into a 'new' way of life and routines, one of the most powerful results has been their resilience and adaptability and their need for routine. The school staff at school have been amazing as well, operating with smiles and laughter even if it all feels a bit strange (and hot behind a face shield!).

Moving forward for all

- We await more news and plans from the government this week and we will continue to try to plan for everyone to 're-connect' with school (even if it is just one morning). Unfortunately if your child is eligible for school (Year R,1 and 6) then we cannot have a 'drop in' for you at the moment as it would change our 'bubbles' and we don't have the staff numbers to operate that system. We are trying to make the best of a bizarre situation. More news will follow once we know interested numbers from our simple survey and we also see what happens with numbers for Years R,1 and 6 over the next 2 weeks.

- Teachers/school adults will be making phone calls to you over the next few weeks - the purpose is a quick 'catch up' and, possibly, to talk to your child. School adults are in school operating 'bubbles' as well as supervising and setting home learning so their time is limited and they will ring when they have a 'gap' in their timetables.

- **School reports** - you will receive a report for the year for your child in July (it will be in the post) but there won't be a parent's evening this term.

Other news

- Over the weekend school received some worrying news as Mr Richards (he teaches construction to some of the older children) is in hospital and is now awaiting heart surgery (he only went for an ECG and wasn't ill). We wish Mr Richards, and Mrs Richards, are very best wishes at this worrying time and we hope to see him fit, well and back in school later in the year.

If you are a family who has been contacted regularly by Mrs Richards then Mrs Lee will be contacting you as Mrs Richards is not in school for the foreseeable future.

'Good luck' Mr Richards and all the very best to the whole family at this worrying time. We will keep you updated on progress after Mr Richard's operation.

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- Attached is Encore's week 8 music ideas.

- Curriculum updates are on the school website and will be available from 4pm every Sunday ('thank you' teachers).

- Please remember the 'Virtual Science Fair' and the information that was sent out last week.
- Short burst photographs have been shared
- Sharing work - please keep sending in your child's work, if you think it is appropriate, but please don't feel any pressure or compare your child's work to others (attached is a relevant quote).
- Can we go to the zoo ? - some people may be thinking about going 'out and about' (whilst others are still very cautious) but you can go to visit zoos, safari parks etc as you are not 'playing truant' from school. If you do go anywhere then use it for learning (call it a 'curriculum visit').
- Do your best and make sure your child is doing something and has a clear routine (remembering that timings can be less than school e.g morning work only).

Have a good week

Regards

Mr Batstone

Attachments

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