

**24 April 2020**

Dear Families,

Welcome to Summer term. I hope you have all been enjoying the sunshine over the last few weeks and that you have managed to spend some quality time as a family over the Easter period. All of the staff are missing the children and school is not the same without them!

We have made a short video to share with the children to let them know how much we miss them. This is under the home learning tab on the website. Thank you to Miss Bell for making it on behalf of the team.

## Home Learning

Thank you all for your support with home learning. As a parent myself, I know how difficult it is to work from home and try and support your child. Home learning has to work for your family and we understand that some families will be able to work all day, and some may only manage to do a few hours. Next week, teachers have planned activities for each day and tried to incorporate the Government-backed Oak Academy and BBC resources to support parents. Class teachers can be contacted via Class Dojo to ask for help or share any work with them your child has completed. This is not compulsory but we want you to know that we are here to support your child.

## Support from School Health for Children/Young People/Families

There is now a Wellbeing section under the Home Learning Packs section of our website. There are lots of resources in this section so please have a look and we hope you find it useful.

During the Coronavirus pandemic, Newcastle 0-19 Service (Health Visiting and School Nursing Teams) would like to ensure all our families remain supported. They aim to continue to deliver the Healthy Child Programme, supporting you and your family. They will be working to ensure they reduce the risk of spread of the Coronavirus within our communities and protect the most vulnerable in society. They will be continuing some home visits but most of the contact will be by telephone. Support and advice will be provided and referrals will be managed through their single point of contact (SPOC) on 0191 282 3319. Should you need to contact them, your call will be answered by an administrator and you will then be contacted by a member of the 0-19 Service team.

## Free School Meals

Hopefully, everyone who is eligible, should now have received their vouchers for free school meals. If you do need any help with this matter, leave a message on the school answerphone and Mrs Ambrose will contact you as soon as she can.

## World Book Night

Yesterday was World Book Night. Have a look at the Class Dojo and Twitter feed for pictures of teachers reading in strange places!



## Mrs Kelly

I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Kelly has had her baby. She is now a proud parent of a beautiful baby girl called April, who was born on Easter Saturday.

## Residential Trips for Year 5 and Year 6

We have now had confirmation that the above trips will not be going ahead as the youth hostels are closed until July. We are upset that the children will be missing out on these experiences but in the current climate we need to make sure they are safe. Mrs Ambrose is in the process of refunding any payments which have been made and we would appreciate your patience during this time.

## A Prayer From Pope Francis

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need.

We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Amen.

We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

I hope you and your families are all safe and well.

Have a lovely weekend.

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