

6th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are currently at the end of the second week of the school closures and reached the Easter holidays. The past week seems to have gone particularly quickly, as we have been busy with new tasks and challenges. I think it is fair to say that it has been exhausting for everyone, including parents. Staff are currently busy writing the end of year reports, preparing for after Easter and planning an exciting whole new school curriculum for next year. There is never a dull moment or time to be complacent in a school. The staff have responded amazingly to this current situation and I think it is really important that they are able to stop, catch their breath and spend time with their own families over Easter. I am also hoping you will manage to have time to relax and enjoy your time with your family.

We are really hopeful the children are dealing well with the school closure, current issues and they are not feeling too overwhelmed by it. Children are by nature, quite resilient and I hope they are not becoming overly anxious. The media does not help with this and young children don't always need to hear all the details. As adults we need to be mindful that our anxieties don't transfer to them. Children are always 'eyes and ears' and don't miss a thing. Please continue to offer them reassurance.

Do not feel you have to continue to carry out school work with your child/ren over the holidays but we realise that some structure might help and keeping a routine is good for children. Another two weeks is a long time to be at home, so you might be grateful for activities to carry out with them. The school's Facebook page and website has lots of nice links to activities and suggested ideas. There are also several competitions that the children can enter if they would like. We will continue to share some ideas with you over the holiday but please take from it what you will.

In these unprecedented times, there continues to be new challenges and experiences that arise each day, therefore new things we learn and we learn to value what is really important.

You are all doing a great job! Enjoy you Easter break.

Take care.

Best wishes,

Mrs Milford and all staff