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Dear Parents/Carers,

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Thank you for all your messages of support for the school team during these challenging times. These really do mean a lot to us. Everyone has worked especially hard this week trying to maintain as 'normal' a school experience as possible for the children, in the face of multiple challenges and uncertainties. We are very fortunate to have such a supportive and understanding school community as we all seek to navigate these uncharted waters together.

Although school will be closed from Monday, all to but a handful of children, some staff will be on site each day and the school e-mail address will be monitored and responded to. Please note that I will be communicating separately with individual parents regarding arrangements for those children who are due to attend next week.

On Monday, each class teacher will be uploading some suggested lesson activities onto their class



VLE homepage. Click on the green login button, then click on the picture log in and follow the instructions. You will then arrive at the class home page/dash board.

The activities provided will include 5 phonic/spelling sessions; 5 literacy; 5 maths; plus some 'topic' activities linked to current class themes. Please feel free to do these as and when it is convenient for you to do so at home. We have provided a named exercise book for each child for any recorded work. These are suggested activities and not an exhaustive list. Please feel free to do other activities of your own choosing. Don't forget your maths packs too (Years One and Two); you may like to revisit newsletters (all of which are available on the school website) and practise the activities listed there. You may also like to undertake some of the practical activities available on the school website [here](#).

In addition to the Bug Club for reading material for the children, you may also like to access the following website <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/school-closure-resources/?region=uk> for a wide range of ebooks, including Oxford Reading Tree, Project X and others. If you go to class log in, enter "bischool" as the username and "school" as the password and this will take you to the library of available texts. Happy reading!





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On the following Monday, for the final week of the spring term, class teachers will post new activities on their VLE home page. In the event that schools are unable to reopen after the Easter break, we will provide further learning opportunities and will communicate with you regarding these nearer the time.

It was lovely to be able to move forward to today, one of the planned events for the end of term – the Easter Egg Hunt! The children had a wonderful time searching and ‘stamping’ and we were even blessed with some sunshine. Thank you to the PTA for co-ordinating this event at such short notice.

Thank you once more for your continued support and we will undoubtedly be in touch over the following days and weeks. Let us do all that we can to follow Government advice to ensure that we keep ourselves and others as safe and healthy as possible. We can do this! Ever the optimist, I look forward to welcoming everyone back (at some point...) in the summer term.

Best Wishes,

Katherine Smith
Headteacher

