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Dear parents,

I hope that you have managed to have some rest and relaxation over the last two weeks. It might not quite be the Easter break that we were expecting, but it certainly has been lovely to hear how you have been keeping busy indoors! Keep sending us emails or pictures of what you are getting up to - we have loved keeping that connection with you.

This week, there has been a lot of speculation in the media about when schools might be re-opening. There have been different thoughts and ideas shared across both the mainstream and various social media sources. Remember that not all information that is shared or published is accurate! However, I would like to reassure you that at Andoversford we will be re-opening only when government advice shows that it is safe to do so. I will always put the welfare of our children, staff and the wider community first. At present, the advice is that we must be closed to all pupils except those who are vulnerable or who have parents whose work is critical to the Covid-19 response until further notice. When this changes, I will keep you all informed about what that means for our school.

Next week, we welcome Mrs Hood and Mrs Warren to the team in Ash and Oak Class. I hope that you will join me in making them feel a warm Andoversford welcome - even if it is virtual for now! Alongside the rest of the teaching team, they will be setting learning activities for children on Monday and Wednesday next week. Remember that all activities can be found on the class webpages - as well as some super examples of the work you have sent in, which is available on the new 'Home Learning' tab. As always, I would like to reassure you that we know that all families are in different circumstances and how much learning your child can access - and when - is your decision as a family. We hope that you find the learning tasks useful, but there is no pressure to complete these if it is placing additional strain on your child or family. Our first priority is to make sure that all of our children return happy and healthy when we can get back to some type of normality. Please prioritise your children's - and your own - wellbeing.

I'd also like to extend our thoughts and our very best wishes to both Mrs Nott and Mrs Masek who begin their maternity leave today. Their hard work and dedication will be missed in school, but we wish them the very best of luck as their new adventure starts.

Back to our usual newsletter and 'virtual' celebration assembly next week as we start the Summer Term. Don't forget you can also keep up to date through the school social media sites on facebook and twitter.

Thank you for your continued support,

Rachel Bradley-McKay
Headteacher

