



Community Newsletter 2019-20

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a week it has been! I think it is safe to say that none of us have ever experienced anything quite like it! We want to start by thanking you all. Like us, you have had to adapt to new unfamiliar routines with your families and this came about overnight! All of a sudden learning is more home-based and this can be challenging to sustain, particularly if you are juggling working commitments. Please be reassured that you are doing your best in this situation. What works for you and your family won't be the same for another family- your routine must be right for you. We are setting activities weekly. The work will be uploaded each Friday on the home learning tab on the website. This will mean that you will be able to access the work over the weekend for the following week. We heard that the website was slightly overwhelmed earlier on in the week and this was because it was in such high demand. We are unable to resolve this technicality from school, but we hope that the opportunity to gradually access the work over the weekend and into the week might help reduce this problem. Over the Easter holidays the children can refer to the topic-grid activities which have been set up for each year group. The uploading of daily tasks will resume after the Easter Holiday period.

We recognise that you might be slightly worried if your child has not done all the work that has been set, but please don't be. Be led by your child/children. Having dedicated times in the day to have a go at activities is helpful, but if something is proving a little tricky/difficult the children can come back to it another time. It has been wonderful to hear about the other activities you have been undertaking at home. It appears that the 'Joe Wicks' exercise routine in the morning has been a popular choice amongst you all!!

Leaning out of the window last night and listening to a chorus of clapping throughout the community really brought everything home. It made us reflect on the school values that we hold close to us at Seaford Primary: Respect, Friendship, Perseverance, Ambition and Enjoyment. Last night's offer of friendship, respect and kindness from the community was quite moving and illustrates how, working together, this time will pass. As a school community, we would like to take this opportunity to thank our parents/carers working in the NHS as well as all the other critical worker groups who are keeping our locality running at these times- we are indebted to you.

We would also like to thank all our staff who, in highly anxious and worrying times, have worked tirelessly to put together provision for the children who have to be in school at this time. It is a privilege to work with such a wonderful team.

It is an understatement to say that we miss seeing you all each day. This period of time is going to require some patience from us all. However, by following the advice set out to us, we are all helping reduce the impact of this virus and speeding up the time when we resume our daily routines as normal. Please continue to stay safe.

Kind regards

The Senior Leadership Team and staff at Seaford Primary School

Further resources

<https://www.worldofdavidwalliams.com/elevenses/>.

Free Audio books which are accessible via the website above daily.

Helping your child understand Coronavirus. Please see the presentation on the Home learning tab on the school website.

