



Community Newsletter 2019-20

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you are all continuing to stay safe and well as we continue to move through this period of lockdown. It has been lovely to hear from so many of you over the last few weeks and the teachers have really enjoyed contacting you all and having the opportunity to catch up with the children and yourselves. It has been great to hear about all the different activities the children have been enjoying at home and during their exercise time and we are so grateful to you all for supporting your children whilst also juggling home and work life. We fully appreciate how challenging this can be and will continue to try and support you by providing a variety of tasks for you to engage with via the home learning tab on our website. There are also a wide variety of websites providing a huge range of ideas alongside recent provision such as the BBC Bitesize programmes. Please continue to use the range of resources available to find a balance of activities which work for your child and your family. We still reinforce our message that this may well look quite different for different children and families and that is absolutely fine. As well as the learning tasks on the website, there is a great deal of value in the children enjoying a range of practical activities such as baking, gardening, helping with household jobs, playing or designing board games and building dens!

The most important thing at the moment is that you and your families stay safe and well, physically and emotionally. When the children return to school we will be focussing on supporting the emotional well-being of all our children and helping them to understand and manage their feelings and emotions regarding the current pandemic. There are a whole variety of resources available online to support emotional well-being including a book called Coronavirus – A Book for Children by Elizabeth Jenner, Kate Wilson and Nia Roberts and published by Nosy Crow. You may find this a useful resource for supporting conversations about coronavirus. If you have significant concerns for your child's emotional well-being please feel free to contact the school and we will endeavour to signpost you towards some appropriate support. We hope your families and friends are all well but if you have or are significantly impacted by coronavirus then please let us know so we are able to best support your child when they return to school.

We are aware that many families have been impacted in terms of their work life and would like to remind you that if your circumstances have changed you may now be eligible for claiming Free School Meals entitlement for your children. In the current period of school closure the government are providing vouchers worth £15 per child, per week. When the children return to school they would remain eligible for Pupil Premium grant which is paid to the school to help support their learning and provision in school. If you feel you might be eligible for FSM please find more information on the East Sussex website or contact the school office.

Finally we would like to share some very exciting news with you. Mrs Wild has given birth to a baby daughter named Ayla, who was born on Friday 24th April. Mrs Wild and her family are enjoying their first few days with their new addition and I am sure you will join us in wishing them all the very best at this very special time for them. Mrs Wild will now be starting a period of maternity leave with Mrs Bovill teaching 1BW on a full-time basis and Mrs Roderick teaching 4RB full-time.

We will keep you informed over the coming weeks as we continue to receive information from the government regarding the ongoing period of school closure and arrangements for a return to school when we are informed it is safe to do so for children, staff and families.

Please continue to stay safe and look after yourselves and each other.

Kind regards,

Mr Davey and the Seaford Primary Senior Leadership Team



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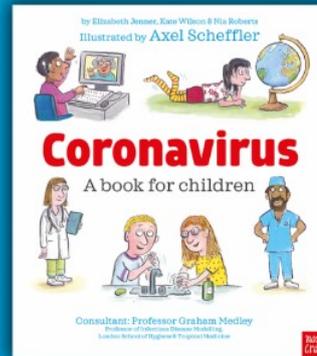


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