



Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your extended families and friends are all staying safe and well.

It's very strange what happens to time when your usual routine is changed and no doubt we are all experiencing that differently. I hope that your lives are as stress free as possible and that you are finding the opportunity to enjoy spending quality time with your child and to have fun trying out new things for yourselves and with your child. (Yoga with your dog anyone?)

I can see from the home learning suggestions on classlist that you are accessing a really good range of ideas for activities, indoors and out, to try with your child. Please do take a look at the website links as they have some great ideas for fun activities which you can do as a family and which will also support with the whole family's wellbeing. I haven't tried juggling yet –but it is the Easter holidays coming up!

We have had very positive comments about the home learning so thank you for taking the time to write these; it's important that we have feedback about how you are finding it. The home learning for the specific Maths and English tasks may well present some challenges which will no doubt vary from household to household. E.g. You may not have enough devices for the children if there is more than one child in the family; parents may be needing to work from home; you may have limited connection with your broadband; it may be that your child is struggling with the idea of doing school work at home. **Please do not worry.** Do your best with supporting your child's learning but mental and physical wellbeing is most important and takes priority over everything else at the moment.

The teachers are very happy for you to contact them with any questions or concerns, however small they may seem. As am I. We are here to help you.

The Easter holiday is now upon us for the next 2 weeks. It's a time for the children and yourselves to have a break (?) and hopefully some more sunshine. Please continue to support your child with learning spellings, times tables and daily reading as you normally would in the holiday. We will not be setting additional work to do, but I have attached a link to some daily timetables produced by Juniper education which has some lovely ideas for each day which you may choose to try out.

<https://junipereducation.org/parent-timetables/>

Miss Snodgrass has also put on classlist **important information** about keeping your child safe online. Please don't assume they are –keep having the conversation about how to stay safe...what they would do if..... Please prioritise reading the information with your own child's online access in mind.

A new Easter Reading Challenge is also coming your way which you may want to have a go at. It looks fun!

Wishing you all good health and happiness (and lots of chocolate over Easter.) Please say a big smiley hello to the children from me and tell them I am missing them.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Jackie Halliday
Headteacher