



Dear Parents

I hope you are well and continuing to be safe.

Many of the children (and teachers!) have come back to home learning after the Easter holidays with lots of energy and excitement. The children have been enthusiastic about their new topics, and I have loved seeing the photos and work being shared, as well as the updates from families.

Many of you will have welcomed the return to some kind of routine this week. Some of your children will have been ready for doing some more structured learning after the Easter break. Equally for some of you it may have come with conflict, possibly some bribery and a bit more compromise than you had intended! All of this is OK.

Some days it will all go well - your children will be keen to take part in activities, be organised and 'on it', other days it will be like wading through treacle. Go with it and don't be too hard on yourself.

Keep up the good work you are all doing, we know how tricky it is juggling all of the balls.

Maths Home Learning

We wanted to give you some detail about the White Rose Maths home learning we have asked children to complete. This is the scheme we follow as a school so many of the areas that will be covered this term are new to the children. This means that they **will** find it challenging and we hope that they do! Please emphasise to them that this is a good thing-they are learning new things and it shouldn't all be easy.

The teaching videos are excellent that are provided; use them, re-watch them, talk about them and work through the questions together. Please don't feel your children have to answer all of the questions. For the harder ones, it might be that you use the answers provided to look at the methods and processes used, it's important to understand how to answer the question so that the methods can be applied to future problems. If there are specific things children are finding too challenging and you know they need more help please put a private comment on the assignment so their class teacher is aware.

Finally, please don't worry if you feel they haven't completely grasped the concept, this is to be expected when learning new areas and they will be re-visited. Try to enjoy it and be positive about maths!

Weekly Menu

From Monday the weekly menu set by teachers with an overview of the home learning for the week will also be available to download directly from the school website.

Times Table Rockstars - Battle of the Bands

We know how much children enjoy a TTRS Battle! One is scheduled to run from 9am today until 3pm next Friday (1st May), it's Year 1 vs Year 2, Year 3 vs Year 4, Year 5 vs Year 6. Good luck and enjoy!

School Office

Just a reminder if you want to contact school or individual teachers you can do this via email at office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk
The office email account is managed throughout the day, and emails can be forwarded on to teachers.

Year 6 Hoodies

All Year 6 parents should have received a letter this week via email about ordering the Year 6 Leavers Hoodies. Please could all Year 6 parents let the school office know via email at office.3144@tackley.oxon.sch.uk what size they need by Tuesday next week.

Food Parcels and donations

We have been overwhelmed with support of food donations from our parents and the local community, thank you. If you are able to please do continue to drop things off in our food boxes which are outside of the front office between 9:00 and 3:00 each day. If you or anyone you know is in need of a parcel please do let us know by emailing or calling the school office. You just have to ask, there is no eligibility criteria. Please spread the word.

Support for mental health

In these uncertain times if you feel you may need some additional support or your children do, a 24/7 mental health helpline has been launched in Oxfordshire. This round-the-clock helpline makes it easier and quicker to get the right advice you might need for your own or others mental health. This service operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week and temporarily takes pressure off 111 for people who need mental health care when their situation is not life threatening. The phone numbers and further information can be found at <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/news/24-7-mental-health-helpline-replaces-111-in-oxfordshire-and-buckinghamshire/>

Stay safe, keep in touch and please look after yourself and each other.

Mrs L Murrey