



Dear Parents

I hope you are well and continuing to stay safe.

As I'm sure you are aware there is a huge amount of speculation currently about when schools will re-open. There has been no confirmation from the Department for Education about when this will be, despite the regular press coverage. We do not have any advance notice in schools, as soon as an announcement is made we will respond to it.

Please appreciate that there will be a huge amount of planning and preparation that will need to be made for children to return to school safely, and that is our absolute priority. I will contact you with an update via email as soon as we have anything new to share with you.

Mrs Murrey

Contact with teachers

Please can I remind parents that if they want to make contact with their child's class teacher about school work, information to share about their child or any queries, that this is done through the school office email address.

Many of our staff live in the school community and as such parents may have their personal contact details. If you are contacting a member of school staff about anything school related this must be through the school office email address. This ensures that staff are able to maintain a work/life balance as well as making sure we are supporting parents in the best and most appropriate ways.

Our staff team are working incredibly hard both in school, setting and responding to online learning and through direct contact with families, we are incredibly proud of them all and everything they are doing. Thank you.

Reading books

It has been lovely to see families (from an appropriate distance!) coming down and swapping reading books in the school hall this week. Just a reminder that reading books can be swapped every day between 1:00 and 2:00.

School Library

From next week we will be opening the school library for children to change their books. Each class will be given an afternoon slots, please check the timetable emailed out for details (it is a 2 week timetable so check dates carefully!). There will be a strict 1 family in, 1 out policy. If there are families waiting please observe appropriate social distancing and queue in the courtyard, please also keep browsing time to a minimum so we don't have lots of people waiting. A member of staff will be there to record the books you are borrowing; we will not be using the computer. If any KS1/EY parents also want to change reading books in the hall, please let the member of staff know and the hall will be opened for you.

Virtual Learning Powers

We have all been really impressed with the learning taking place at home. The following children have been awarded Virtual Learning Power certificates.

Medcroft Class Concentrate

I have chosen to award Heidi with the Concentrate learning power this week. She has worked hard at lots of different activities on the weekly menu plan and has completed lots of phonics. Well done Heidi!

Nethercote Class Independence

I have been so impressed with how Jack has taken his home learning into his own hands. He has worked on expanding his skills with first aid courses, learning how to cook and even making a den! He has approached all tasks with the same enthusiasm as he has in the classroom and I have really looked forward to seeing his learning each week. Well done Jack!

Harborne Class Concentrate

I have chosen to award Matteo with the virtual learning power of Concentrate this week. Every piece of work which he has submitted on our online classroom has been to an exceptional standard, I particularly liked his brochure for a Roman Villa. I can see how hard he has been working and how focused on each subject he has been.

Rousham Class Push Yourself

This week I have again chosen 'Push Yourself', it was another tricky choice! I have chosen someone who has not only been doing the all the work I've set on Google Classroom to a really high standard but has also pushed themselves to do extras in areas that interest them. Well done Islay, I'm very proud of you! Keep following your interests and passions!

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

Mrs L Murrey
Headteacher