



Dear Parents

Hopefully many of you will have had an opportunity to read the letter I sent yesterday about the Government's planned re-opening of schools from 1st June.

Thank you to those parents who have already replied letting us know whether you plan to send your child back, it is really helpful to have a prompt reply to enable us to plan efficiently. Parents have also been really supportive in the messages sent in and we are really grateful for those kind words, thank you.

Attached to this newsletter is a letter from Anne Dellar CEO of ODST our Multi Academy Trust. I received this letter yesterday afternoon and am sharing it with you now. The Trust have made the decision to have INSET Days on **Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June** to support schools with planning for re-opening. I appreciate this is short notice for parents, and I apologise on behalf of ODST for this. I do however think it is the right decision for schools, enabling us to prepare both the physical environment and complete staff training to ensure we are fully ready for re-opening. **School will be closed to ALL children on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd June.**

Towards the end of next week I will send a further letter updating you on our planning and any further guidance that is issued from the Department for Education.

Mrs Murrey

### Google Classroom

We will not be setting work for children in Google Classroom over half term (week beginning 25th May) and we will be turning off any commenting in the Stream. This is to allow teachers a proper break from work including the many Google Classroom notifications that come in throughout the day!

### Free School Meals

We are aware that COVID-19 has impacted on many families in different ways. If there has been a change in your circumstances and you think you may be eligible for Free School Meals please email the school office with your name, date of birth and National Insurance number. We run Free School Meal checks regularly. Currently families are being provided with supermarket vouchers whilst school is closed.

### Thames Valley Police and Safeguarding

We know that during this period of lockdown children are increasingly using social media. Thames Valley Police have launched a media campaign which highlights some of the safeguarding issues that this increased use can bring. Thames Valley Police are asking us to share with parents the website <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/> this contains links to advice for children at different age groups and parents/carers.

### Guinness World Records—TTRS

Times Table Rock Stars have been in touch with Guinness World Records about how fast some of the times table rockers across the country are. They have now created a new title "**the highest score achieved on 'Times Table Rock Stars' in one minute**". To make an official attempt, players need to record a video of themselves achieving their highest score in the Studio and send the video to [support@mathscircle.com](mailto:support@mathscircle.com) by 23:59 UK time on 4th June 2020. Apparently some of the highest scores seen have been 150+ in a single Studio game—so the standard will be high. Get practicing!

### Virtual Learning Powers

#### Medcroft Class      Try New Things

This week I have chosen someone who completed the nature treasure hunt so enthusiastically—well done Stella!

#### Nethercote Class      Try New Things

This week I have chosen try new things for my learning power and I am nominating Elinor! She has been doing some really lovely new things at home like making a mud kitchen in her garden, creative land art using natural materials and making a calming glitter jar! I was also really impressed with her beautiful descriptive writing this week! Well done!

#### Harborne Class      Concentrate

It has been really hard to choose one child to award a learning power to this week as I've been really impressed with the attitudes and enthusiasm from all of the children in Harborne. I have chosen independence and have selected someone whose integrity, eagerness and enthusiasm has kept me on my toes. They have independently been working on their work presentation, enjoy a challenge and even requested continuous computing tasks. They always give 100% and give everything a go before asking for help. Well done Max!

#### Rousham Class      Don't Give Up

This week's 'Don't Give Up' learning power goes to Molly Hawes! She adapted her Genius Hour Project and has run AN ENTIRE MARATHON to raise money for Dementia UK, we are so proud of her and her achievement, what an incredible thing to have done. Well done Molly! She is very close to reaching her target, if you would like to sponsor her it's not too late. [www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mollyhelpstoremember](http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/mollyhelpstoremember)

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

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