



Dear Parents

I hope you are well and keeping safe. I hope many of you have been able to read the information sent out about returning to school yesterday. As always, I thank you all for your patience and understanding during these difficult times. I appreciate that there will be differing views on the Government's decision to re-open schools at this point and also how we make this work at Tackley. Please try and work with us, we know you will have lots of questions and any we have not answered please do ask. We want you to make an informed choice with all of the information available to you about whether to send your children back to school.

Once again I must reiterate how extremely proud I am of how our school community has pulled together throughout the past two months. Pupils, their families, and our staff have risen to this challenge - one that was unimaginable at the start of this year - in the most impressive way. I would like to record my thanks to all of you. Our collective response so far fills me with hope and confidence that we can overcome the next challenges in a similar way.

I hope you all have a relaxing half term and get to enjoy some sunshine.

Mrs Murrey

Home Learning

For those children not returning to school on 3rd June, or where parents are choosing to keep them at home we will continue to provide home learning via Google Classroom. Feedback from teachers, and messages sent by teachers will not be as frequent due to commitments to learning in school. This will be kept under review by staff and Governors during the return to school.

From Friday 22nd May until Wednesday 3rd June the Stream in Google Classroom will be turned off by teachers. This means that children will not be able to comment there. There will be no classwork uploaded in this time as it is half term and our staff are having a well deserved break. Teachers will be busy in school 1st and 2nd June and so will not upload work on these dates either.

Communicating with teachers when school opens on 3rd June

We are mindful that parents are not going to have the level of face to face communication that they would previously have had with class teachers and staff when school re-opens on 3rd June. This is a big change for us as a school. In line with our policy to reduce the number of visitors to the school during this time, please can I ask that any messages for teachers or staff are emailed to the school office to be forwarded, or rung through to the school office. Please understand that this is to keep our children and staff safe on site during this period.

Building works

The eagle-eyed amongst you will have spotted the scaffolding being erected around the school building. Midland Felt roofing will soon be starting Phase 1 of roof replacement works which covers the newest part of our school building. I have held a pre-works meeting with contractors, Governors and representatives from Oxfordshire Diocesan Board of Education (ODBE) who are funding the works and have worked with them regarding their risk assessment in particular in relation to COVID-19. The contractors have their own facilities on site and will not be coming in to the school building during the works.

After School Club

After School Club will not be running during the Summer Term, we plan to resume provision in September when the school is fully open. It is important now more than ever with a very stretched budget that parents support this wrap around care. I will be sending out a form after 1st June asking parents what days and sessions they would want to use the After School Club in the new academic year.

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 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

It has been so lovely to see all the wonderful things you have been learning at home, Percy H-L and how you have been working with everyone in your family. I have been impressed with your acting, science experiments, fact finding and that you have even managed to squeeze in some phonics! Well done for all the new things you have been trying and for really embracing home learning during these interesting times.

Nethercote Class Try Your Best

This week I have chosen try your best and I am awarding it to Alex J. I was so impressed with his fabulous rainforest diorama, complete with a swinging monkey and real leaves! Alex has clearly worked very hard on this piece of work and learned how to make it from his own research. Well done Alex!

Harborne Class Push Yourself

I have chosen this person as I feel that they have really challenged themselves this week, speaking confidently on our Google Meet and producing their own Roman quiz for the rest of Harborne to do. I have to say that I thought, 'Fergie's Quiz' was ace! and I'm pretty sure all your classmates did too. Well Done Fergus!

Rousham Class Concentrate

This week Rousham's Virtual Learning Power certificate for 'Concentrate' goes to... Daisy E! I have been impressed with the work Daisy has handed in, particularly her work on The Nowhere Emporium. Well done Daisy, keep up the hard work and all the trampolining!

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

Mrs L Murrey
Headteacher