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Dear Parent/ Carer

Welcome back to Term 5! We have re-opened for emergency provision for our key worker parents. Again we find ourselves in very different circumstances but we do hope that you managed to have a restful and peaceful Easter.

Easter Service

During the Church's Easter service, the school community was prayed for. Prayers were said for all the children and their families that they will keep safe and well at this time and to help families with the adaptations they are making, regarding the new way of working. Key worker parents and the staff of the school were prayed for and ensuring that we all still feel part of the school family, even though we are having to keep a social distance between us.

Two weekly Learning plans

The teachers have worked on the next set of two week learning plans and these can now be found on the website. We will also send these plans out via Parent mail to each year group, throughout today. This may take some time, particularly for the year groups that have a large number of supporting documents.

I recognise that at present there is no opportunity for feedback from the teachers and we are working on a possible solution for this, to use within the coming weeks.

I do need to reiterate that within the plans we are only covering learning that has already taken place. There is no new learning being introduced and although we endeavor to make the learning as effective as possible, it is very difficult to recreate the learning that would take place in the classroom. The feedback will also be different to the type of feedback that is possible on a day-to-day basis within the classroom environment.

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Zoom

The school is a very strange place without the children and we are all missing them. With this in mind I would like to organise a Zoom meeting with each class at some point this week. There are just a few technical difficulties that the school are having regarding Zoom at the moment but once these are sorted, I will send out a parent mail to each class with the day, time and Meeting ID, in order that the children can join the meeting. The class teacher, TA and myself will be present at these. These will last between 15 and 20 minutes. Each child in the class will be provided with the opportunity to share a piece of work they have carried out or share something about what they have been doing. (They don't have to share anything - they can just join the meeting) It would be great if your child can join us but we do appreciate that this may not be possible. More details of these meetings will follow, via parentmail.

Exit Strategy - for when it is required

We know that the lockdown is in place for at least a further three weeks but when we do get to the stage of an exit strategy, the school's plan will focus on ensuring that the gaps in learning for this academic year have been filled.

Termly value

Courage - Each term we focus on a value. I feel that courage would be a very apt value to focus on at this time, as it is a value that we are all having to demonstrate in one way or another and particularly those who are working selflessly to ensure that we are safe and cared for.

Contact

Please contact the admin email address if you have any queries or questions. You can also phone the school but please be patient as we are running on a skeleton staff, so we may not be able to answer as quickly as usual.

Thank you once again for your support. Even though the circumstances are very different we are still truly embracing our vision statement of 'Living and Learning Together With God's Help', as a school community.

Take care.

Best Wishes

Mrs Warburton