



Good morning Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of the first week of distance learning, I am delighted to have received many messages of thanks for the activities set for the fortnight at home. We are still in school with a skeleton staff and a few children that have parents who are key workers. The beautiful sunshine has definitely helped to raise our spirits at this challenging time. The school will remain open over the Easter break to maintain this vital service for parents in the front line who are unable to make other arrangements for their children.

Staff are currently working on further packs of work for children in case we are not back in school after the Easter break. We intend to put the work on the school website and possibly email it to you (depending on the size). We are aware that not everyone has a printer so again it is to be completed in the work book that we sent home. This will come to you at the start of the summer term if we are not back in school.

Classroom Dojo Login for children in Blue and Yellow Classes

The children at Key Stage 2 have been messaging their teachers and sending them photos of themselves working whilst the teachers have been able to give out dojos remotely and respond. We would like to set up this facility for children in Blue and Yellow classes. At the start of next week, we will email every family with a child in Blue or Yellow class a password to be able to log onto ClassDojo. I would be most grateful if you could do this by Thursday 2 April. We are very keen to keep in touch with your children and encourage them to keep on working.

For children in Yellow class, I will also be sending a login for 'Teach Your Monster to Read' which is an award winning series of games to help children with their reading. It can be downloaded onto a phone or tablet.

Headteacher Secondment

From May to November 2020, I will be working with Twyford St Mary's Primary School as their Headteacher goes off on maternity leave. I will be seconded for 2.5 days each week, although in the capacity of Executive Headteacher, I will have the flexibility to be in each school as needed rather than on set days, which I feel will be beneficial for both schools.

Governor Vote

I am extremely grateful to all of you who have returned your voting forms within the set deadline for Parent Governor elections. We have agreed that to continue with the vote with the current lockdown would be extremely unfair and will therefore need to set a new date and timeframe for the election on our return to school.

I have started to see rainbow of hope pictures appearing in the windows and on the gates of houses around the village which is a wonderful idea. Rainbows are used as a symbol of peace and hope as they often appear when the sun follows a heavy rainfall. They serve to remind us that there is hope and light to follow even after dark times. Thank you to one our Year 3 pupils that made me smile this morning on my way to work, with the beautiful picture on her garden gate.

Keep well and be safe

Kirstie Baines—Headteacher