

MESSAGE FROM MRS MONEY



Monday 27th April 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that you have enjoyed your weekend and are managing to make the most of this wonderful weather. I can't quite believe that today marks 5 weeks of lockdown. It feels like such a long time since I have seen all of the children and am really longing to be back as a school community again soon. This weekend I have found it increasingly hard to be away from my extended family. I am really missing hugging my parents and Fleur is constantly asking 'when are the germs going to go away so that I can cuddle Grumpy again'. I know that I am not alone in these feelings and talking to my family on FaceTime and sitting on the front path outside their houses helps a little! It is really important to hold onto the fact that this isn't going to be forever and that we just have to hang on in here for a little longer and be grateful for what we have. And keep remembering to find that moment of joy in every day 😊

I have also realised the importance of daily exercise as a means to staying mentally and physically healthy. Maisy (aged 13) has taken up running over the last 2 weeks and every evening she runs while I cycle beside her cheering her on (I think I like this bit more than she does!) My moment of joy this weekend has been seeing her excitement as she ran 5K for the first time. Small triumphs mean so much these days.

Feedback from parents and other headteachers has been that children (and parents) have found it hard to be motivated with their home learning last week. The novelty of being at home may have worn off and the reality that this style of schooling is how it is going to be for a while is starting to sink in. Please remember that a little is better than nothing at all. But also accept that on some days if your child isn't engaging in their learning that it is perfectly ok to leave it and try again the next day.



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Hopefully the new home learning structure is helping with this flexibility. If you can I would suggest printing it off and sticking it to the fridge. When you complete some home learning highlight it on the page. This will help you get an even spread of what you are achieving throughout the week but also gives you and your child a sense of achievement too!

Mrs Cable is continuing to add photos to the website of what you have all been doing during the period of school closure. Please continue to send her any photos to info2@sandringham.kite.academy as this is a lovely way of the children seeing what their friends have been up to as well as the staff.

I appreciate that the current situation is putting an increasing financial strain on many families. Please contact me on head@sandringham.kite.academy if you would like any guidance from our family support worker, help with resources for the children's learning such as paper, pencils and workbooks or need support with food and basic provisions.

We are all in this together and we are here to help you in any way that we can.

Wishing you and your families a safe and happy week ahead.

Kindest Regards
Mrs Money

