

MESSAGE FROM MRS MONEY



Tuesday 21st April 2020

Dear Families,

I hope that you managed to have some kind of a break over the Easter holidays and are able to make the most of this wonderful weather. The current situation means that in my house I am seeing much more of my teenagers than usual and my favourite part of the day is our family walk on the local heath after dinner. I too have times when I struggle with the enormity of the current situation but I always manage to find a moment of joy in every day. Family walks, meal times together or a surprise hug from my son who now towers over me!

I am sure that you are avidly watching and waiting for news that school will open soon. School leaders are in the same situation as parents and wait every day to hear that it is safe for our school communities to be together again. Although I can't wait until this day it is crucial that this is only when it is safe for us to do so. Somewhat ironically our core value of this half term is PATIENCE. The current situation is certainly a time when we are all having to be patient. Please can you talk with your children about all of the things that they need to be patient for at home and at school...birthdays, Christmas, tea time, your attention, siblings to be born. Perhaps you can plant some seeds together if you haven't already and talk about how you need to be patient for things to come to fruition and that it is worth a wait!

Thank you for supporting your children in their 'Mrs Money challenges'. I have really enjoyed seeing lots of photos of reading dens and delicious baking. This week I have challenged the children to paint a pebble/rock with a view to bringing it with them on the first day back at school. If possible can these be varnished so they can be displayed outside but do not worry if this isn't possible as we can do this at school too.



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Mrs Cable has been busy adding photos to the website of what we have all been doing during the period of school closure. Please continue to send her any photos on the info2@... email address as this is a lovely way of the children seeing what their friends have been up to as well as the staff.

I am sure that you will join me in thanking the teachers who are continuing to work hard from home every day whilst juggling their own families and doing shifts at Lakeside providing childcare for frontline key workers. We really aren't on an extended holiday and like you can't wait to be back at school properly!

Following parent feedback we have restructured the home learning for your children. This will be sent out on Friday afternoons via email and added to the school website. This will allow you to have a look over the weekend in preparation for the week ahead. We really do appreciate that all of your home situations, working arrangements and children's willingness to engage vary enormously. Please do what you can do and what your child can cope with. Be kind to yourselves and avoid comparing what you are doing at home to what others are managing. Hopefully you will find this format easier to access and fit around your work and families. There is also a wide range of resources being released this week for parents to access online. We will continue to suggest websites and online resources in our weekly home learning emails but I would recommend BBC bitesize as a starting point. For Year 1 and 2 parents White Rose maths may be useful. Mr Thorne (ask your children about Geraldine!) is now also doing grammar as well as phonics and he is an entertaining watch for all of the family!

Due to being in an infant school the amount of home learning which requires the access of a computer/device is minimal. However, we are being asked to provide numbers of families who do not have this resource at home. Please can I ask you to email Sarah Cable info2@sandringham.kite.academy by Friday 21st April at the latest to inform us if your child does not have access to a computer/device. Thank you.

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

Kindest Regards
Mrs Money

