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Dear Parent/s,

A very strange and surreal week has gone by, a week in which tensions have been high, children (and parents) have been anxious and the school has had to adapt to daily changes to its working practices and provide your children with a daily learning platform remotely.

We have now moved to live under a very different set of circumstances as our government have announced a very strict stay at home directive. We all must follow this, without exception. This will take a huge effort and a sacrifice for us all, but it is vital we all play our part in this crisis management.

Contact us

I know this may be worrying for many of our families, but again, I am reminding you, we are still here and contactable for you all. You have the office email so please remain in contact. Email is the only contact for the foreseeable future. However, our staff will be contacting each child individually, at least weekly. We have received recent updated guidance on 'live' recordings and for the security and safety of both children and teachers contact for the foreseeable future will be by phone calls only. Teachers will, however, be posting a video for all children to access on Seesaw on Monday morning. I appreciate this is not the perfect solution for everyone, however, thank you for your feedback as we are constantly evolving our practice and doing what we can in these uncertain times. We are after all trying to provide a sustainable service throughout this public health crisis but we must be realistic in our expectations and patient whilst we find our way through ensuring the safety and privacy of our children and staff at all times.

Learning

With regards to our online learning platform, Seesaw, we are listening to your feedback. During a normal teaching and learning day at school, we try to maximize every opportunity to learn, "Every opportunity is a learning opportunity" really is a mantra to us. We have, in the latter part of the week, posted all the learning for the day at the beginning of the day, feedback has been positive regarding this change in that it has allowed parents/carers to plan their day and support their child/rens learning. However, we realise, these are unprecedented times, so do what you can to encourage your child to engage where possible with Seesaw, if nothing else it may provide your child with some routine and contact with their teacher.

Of course, keep on reading as much as possible, if you can, the children can use the e-books on Oxford Owl at

<https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/books/free-ebooks/>

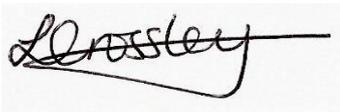
This is the time where our responsibility to you is to direct you to keep your family well. That will be our main learning in the coming weeks. We must nurture our children and community and work together, be responsible and play our part in the fight for the health of our nation.

Class News

Nursery- - have been learning the sounds c, k, u, b and f

- Reception - have been learning about 3D shapes, lots of children found some great shapes around their homes whilst on a shape hunt!
- Year 1 - have loved building their own reading dens at home and in the garden
- Year 2 - have done brilliantly using Seesaw for their learning. They particularly enjoyed finding patterns in natural and man-made objects and the PE activities
- Year 3 - have enjoyed Seesaw and shared so much outstanding work. They have also visited Chester Zoo, taken part in PE lessons with Joe Wicks and had digital calls with their Teacher! Well done Year 3! You have adapted to a very virtual world impeccably!
- Year 4 - have been working really hard this week and created some excellent Explanation texts
- Year 5 - have done a fantastic job adapting to their new ways of learning!
- Year 6 - have worked hard getting to grips with virtual learning and have learnt about the evolution of the Galapago Tortoise and produced comic strips to narrate this. Well done Year 6 I am proud of all you have achieved this week.

Thinking of you all.



Mrs L Crossley
Headteacher

