Dear Parents/Carers

With 2 weeks of ‘Stay at home’ advice from the Government and Home School Learning completed, we know that families have been trying hard to adjust to the new way of living and learning away from the usual routines and school – as have we all – but please don’t worry about which pieces of work your children have to complete. As I mentioned in my last letter to you, we are all adjusting to the new educational landscape and given time we will find a way to make it work. Making it work will look different in every house and even for each child in your family. To help us all feel like we had a break, we provided a project approach over the Easter holidays. We hope you found these helpful!

Following the review of the lockdown from the Government’s daily briefings, there is a further period of ‘stay at home’ and we have been looking into sustainable approaches to help keep that sense of belonging and communication between class mates and their teachers. Will update you shortly!

There have also been 2 developments relating to home learning which could be of interest to you—the new OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY website with videos of lessons and also the BBC Bitesize programmes aimed at each phase of the school. Please do look at these as a way of offering something different for your child.

Baby News!

During the past few weeks, we’ve had 2 pieces of wonderful news to share with you! Congratulations to Mrs Mansfield on the birth of her baby boy, Rory and also to Miss Sharp, who over the Easter weekend gave birth to her baby boy, Oscar. We send both families all our best wishes. Due to the current circumstances, it may be a little while until they visit us, but we will look forward to it very much!

To cheer you up - the staff have sent special messages for each class - these are overleaf. Don’t forget—stay in contact via the class email address! Each class teacher will be collating examples of activities that children have completed to share with the school community, so please do ensure your child is sending some work via the email each week with your permission to share it! We look forward to hearing how your projects have gone! Lastly, this enforced break from normality has given us all some precious time to spend with our families – make the most of it and enjoy the moments we have.

Amanda Featherstone
Headteacher

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Hello Ahlberg Class
I have thoroughly enjoyed getting emails from my class and seeing what they have been getting up to. Many children have been enjoying the lovely weather and so have I. I have been walking my dog everyday and weeding my garden. My oldest son has been cooking the family delicious dinners so I am enjoying some time off from the kitchen. Keep sending me messages, they brighten my day and make me smile. Stay safe and keep up all the wonderful learning.    Mrs. Harris

Hello Swindell Class
Firstly, thank you to all of you that have sent me your work over the last few weeks. I can really see that you are all working incredibly hard during this strange time, so keep it up! House Points are being well earned!
Secondly, my family and I have been keeping safe and well as I hope you are all too! We are spending lots of quality time together, baking, playing in the garden and even made an outdoor cinema! I hope to see you all soon!   Keep Smiling :) Mr. Berry

Hello Dahl Class
I really hope you are making the most of being with your families and enjoying the sun. I really miss you all and love to hear how you are getting on. I have been going for a long walk everyday with my children and dog Lucy, which I am enjoying. Hope you and your families are all keeping well.    Mrs. Madden
I hope you are all enjoying the sunshine. My family and I have been spending lots of time in the garden, we have been looking after the plants, playing cricket, practicing our golf and completing lots of football drills. We have a timetable of events to make sure everyone is mixing up their school work with zoom calls with friends and relaxing time. I really miss you guys - thank you so much for sending in your emails, I love to hear from you.    Mrs. Barnes

Hello Inkpen Class
Hope you all had a lovely Easter, I’m missing you very much! Thank you to all the children who have been keeping in touch with me on our class email. I have been really impressed with the quality of the work you have been doing. All the photos and videos have really put a smile on my face and brought a little tear to my eye, but in a good way! Keep being my gold at the end of the rainbow and hopefully I will see you all soon! Thank you to all the parents for your support, it is very much appreciated.    Miss Benham

Hello Dickens Class
Hello Morpurgo class, I hope you are all keeping well and being good! I miss you all and can’t wait for things to get back to normal—but until then keep in touch on the class email, I love seeing the photos, videos and examples of all the amazing work you have been doing. Take care of yourselves, be kind to each other!     Mrs Bicker ;)

Hello Stevenson Class
A big thank you for all the work and messages you have emailed to me. I absolutely love hearing about how you are occupying yourselves and I am very proud of your enthusiasm with your home learning. I hope that you are listening to your adults at home and creating some wonderful memories during this strange time. I have been keeping busy gardening, reading some great books, completing some tricky jigsaws and enjoying the bluebells when I go for my daily walk or cycle. Although we are apart at the moment you are in my thoughts and I look forward to the time when we can share our experiences together in school.
Take care and stay safe,
Miss Horner

Hello Shakespeare Class
Hope you are all well, keeping active and keeping up your enthusiasm. Thank you all so much for your emails. I have thoroughly enjoyed receiving them, reading through your work and looking at pictures and videos of all the fun activities and great things you have been doing. Keep them coming in please because they are putting a smile on my face. I hope to speak to you all soon!
Miss Prothero
**Latest Coronavirus Advice and Support**

The Government have published a list of online educational resources to help during this period of lockdown. The full list is available at:  

However, we have picked some of the most helpful for you as links here:

**ENGLISH**

Audiobooks made available during this period:  
https://stories.audible.com/start-listen

We use Read Write Inc at Holyport. So the online lessons that have been made available for a daily activity could be helpful for Reception—Year 2 children. Try  
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCo7fLgY2oA_cFClpq9GdxtQ

Learning booklets for each Year Group:  

**MATHS**

At school, we use White Rose to help teachers with their planning. Here is the link for their home learning offer:  
https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

**Free School Meal Vouchers**

After Easter, the Government scheme for providing those families eligible for free school meals will be available to our families. Mrs Morgan is coordinating this and has contacted the families who are currently eligible.

Please note—this scheme is not for the Universal Free School Meals provided in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2.

**Stay at home guidance**

Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (but only if you cannot work from home)

- If you go out, stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people at all times
- Wash your hands as soon as you get home
- Do not meet others, even friends or family.

You can spread the virus even if you don’t have symptoms.

It is essential that everyone washes their hands more often, using soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Hand washing with soap employs mechanical action that loosens bacteria and viruses from the skin, rinsing them into the drain. Drying hands afterwards makes the skin less hospitable to the virus. Hand sanitiser can be effective if soap is not available or the situation makes using soap less feasible (i.e. when outside) but using hand sanitiser provides none of the virus-destroying friction that rubbing your hands together and rinsing with water provides.

**New Online Lessons**

The Government commissioned series of lessons which are online and led by teachers. These are available at the OAK NATIONAL ACADEMY website. Use the link https://www.thenational.academy/

Please use these to supplement the learning and try to keep learning in the sequence they are in. Teachers may indicate a particular lesson or topic to focus on.