Dear Parents and Carers

Hope this weekly newsletter finds you all well. My word for this week must be inspiration. I have been inspired by how communities and individuals locally and nationally are supporting each other in these strange times. Children and staff who were at Bridge Learning Campus had a minute of reflection for all the NHS key workers on Tuesday and I know lots of people up and down the country have been doing amazing things to show their support. I also continue to be inspired by yourselves, the children and the staff who are doing a fantastic job keeping everything going.

Support

I hope home learning has been going well this week. The best way to see the work that has been set by your class teacher is through Class Dojo and the ILD but home learning work is also on the website and is constantly updated. Class teachers will be adding some new Oracy challenges to Class Dojo to encourage discussions about different subjects and look out for the links to some great phonics and grammar videos on the year group pages. I have loved seeing the posts from the children. The school pastoral team have been working very hard this week to get paper copies of home learning to families that might not be able to access the internet – please contact us if we can help.

Over this week and next, your child’s class teacher or another member of staff will be making contact with every family to make sure everything is going ok and if we can help at all with the learning or anything else. It will be lovely to hear how you are getting on.

We have also been updating the website to make sure you can find information about other services if they are needed. Under Community/ Parent and Family Support Signposting there are lots of links to any helplines or agencies that might be useful if your circumstances have changed or you would like some advice on a range of topics. I have also put this week’s Families in Focus Bulletin on the website which also has contact details for a range of services including those that can support if you need food aid.

If you receive FSM vouchers you should now be able to use them at Aldi and McColls. If you are still experiencing problems accessing your vouchers through the Edenred FSM voucher scheme please use the contact details below for further support.
For parents/carers: freeschoolmealsparentsscarers@edenred.com

Nursery and Reception Places

Mrs Noel, one of the school administrators has been busy contacting parents who showed interest in applying for a Nursery place in our School Nursery for September. If you didn’t get a call and you are interested in a place please contact office@parsonstreet.com and she will get back to you.

Those of you with children who will be joining Reception in September will have been notified by the local authority of the place your child has been offered. You should have
replied to the offer by 30th April otherwise the offer may be withdrawn if you haven’t confirmed your acceptance. [https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/respond-to-a-reception-primary-school-place-offer](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/schools-learning-early-years/respond-to-a-reception-primary-school-place-offer). We look forward to welcoming all the new Reception children and families who will be starting with us in the new academic year.

**Year 6**

I know that many Year 6 children will be wondering about next term and Year 7. Of course we don’t know yet what a return to school will look like or when, but Ms Lee and Mr Howells are already thinking about how they can still make those last months of primary school special. They will also be working closely with the Secondary Schools on transition arrangements. We are hoping to get some transition booklets to Year 6 pupils soon which will help pupils get ready for the step to Secondary School.

**Bank Holiday**

It is a Bank Holiday on Friday 8th May which was changed from May 1st to mark VE day 2020 being the 75th anniversary of the end of World War Two in Europe. There will continue to be educational provision for children of key workers who are attending Bridge Learning Campus but staff will not be giving feedback to Class Dojo or ILD posts on that day.

**Finally…**

Look out for a special Parson Street Primary School postcard coming your child’s way with a message from their class teacher. We might not be seeing you all at school but we wanted to remind you all about how much we are missing the children and are looking forward to seeing everyone again when it is safe to do so.

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