



Friday 3rd April

Dear parents,

Congratulations! We have made it to the end of term 4 and everyone has made an amazing start to their home learning under extraordinary circumstances.

I have spoken to everyone in the class now and it has been a privilege to chat with your children. Their enthusiasm about what they are doing with you at home and the confident way in which they talked with me shows what an incredible job you are all doing. I know this is not easy; juggling your own work, supporting your children's learning and finding space for some relaxing family time. Our children are missing their friends and the opportunities for play that school brings. But from our conversations over the last week I have been impressed with the creative ways that you are all not just finding a way through this, but are actually taking the opportunity to find some positivity from the enforced lockdown.

Normally at this point in the term I would be deciding what holiday homework (if any) to set. Many of you have expressed a worry that having worked so hard to establish a routine that works for their family over the last two weeks, coming off timetable and then trying to re-establish the routine when term 5 starts could be stressful. Other parents are happy to take a break from directed home learning for the Easter holidays.

In light of this, I have created a homework grid of activities/tasks for the Easter holidays that is **OPTIONAL**, and you can decide whether to share this information with your children or not! As it is not compulsory, you do not need to send any of this work to me. **HOWEVER**, if it would help you to maintain the routine then please do send work to me and I will respond. You can decide how many of

these tasks (if any) you want your children to undertake. There is no expectation from me nor will certificates for completion be issued as there has been before.

There is also plenty of Mathletics and MyMaths tasks to keep them going if you want them to do some regular maths over the holidays. Or take this opportunity to catch up with the White Rose Lessons online (links are on the Blue Spruce page on the school website).

I will be working through the Easter holidays both at home and in school so you can email me and we can talk on the phone if there is anything you would like to discuss. However, if you are taking a break then we can reconnect for the new term starting Monday 20th April.

I will be emailing you with details about the learning for next term separately.

But for now, I would like to say thank you for your feedback, comments and the time you have taken to talk with me, read my emails and answer my questions over the last couple of weeks. But particularly thank you for your support and your patience. This is all new to me and my colleagues and we are very much feeling our way and we won't always get it right. We are also missing the children and the companionship that working in our lovely village school brings. But it has also been a very positive experience in lots of ways, creating solutions and working together, albeit remotely, to support each other.

We don't know how long this situation will last, so for now stay safe and well and keep in touch.

Happy Easter to you and you families.

Love from Sara Grice

