

Knutton St Mary's C of E Academy

Together we succeed and shine ...

'We shine like bright stars in the sky' Philippians 2:15



Friday 3rd April 2020

Dear parents/carers,

First of all, let me start by saying how proud I am of our school community during these unprecedented times. The work that our children have been sending in has been wonderful to see, and the dedication of our staff in supporting vulnerable families and the children of key workers, organising food hampers and other behind the scenes work has been admirable.

With the Easter holidays beginning on Monday, we would encourage all of our children to have a lovely two weeks, engaging in fun activities whilst following government advice, staying in and staying safe.

Whilst we were initially able to send packs of work home for all children during the initial closure of schools, current advice now advises against this due to concerns regarding transmitting the virus via paper and the requirement on staff members to be out in the community. However, we are also aware of the importance of supporting our children's learning during this difficult time. Therefore, **from Monday 20th April** we will be providing the following home-learning opportunities for all children in Foundation Stage:

- **Each week, Mrs Grounell will post activities on both Twitter and on our website, on the Owls and Parrots class pages.**
- **Reading - teachers will set weekly books through Bug Club Independent on ActiveLearn.** This will be each child's main reading expectation. In addition to this, children should be encouraged to read daily with a family member or independently, as it is a vitally important life skill. Other reading activities can be found on **Education City**.
- **Science - teachers will set Homework sequences for Science through Education City.** These may not be every week.
- **PE - we highly encourage children to engage in at least 30 mins of physical activity each day.** This could be through taking part in online tutorials such as Joe Wicks' workouts, or doing activities in the back garden. Please remember to follow government guidance and avoid allowing children to meet up with friends.
- **Helpsheets for all of the above systems are available on our website.**

All of the information regarding these tasks will be posted on the class pages on our website - links to these are on our home learning page.

Along with these weekly teacher-set activities, please remember that we have many ideas for home learning on our school website which can be done as well, should you wish your child to do so. However, during this period, it is also a great opportunity for children to learn other life-skills such as cooking, gardening, etc. Most of these involve elements of Mathematics, Science and English; children will be learning even though they (and maybe even you) don't realise it. Also, remember how vitally important it is for children to be reading daily and developing a love of reading.

Our teachers are obviously missing the children in their classes and we have set up email addresses so the children can email their teacher, and the teacher can respond. It would be lovely if the children could email their teacher (perhaps once a week) to share a piece of work or tell them something about their week. The email addresses to use are:

Knutton St Mary's C of E Academy, Church Lane, Knutton,
Newcastle-under-Lyme, Staffordshire, ST5 6EB

Principal: Mrs Anna Wheaver

Tel: 01782 568680 email: office@ksmacademy.com

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Once again, thank you for your co-operation and understanding through these difficult times. Please remember, if you have any issues with any of the above, particularly the home learning, you can contact us via email at **homelearning@ksmacademy.com** or by leaving a message on the normal school number. Also please keep sending examples of your home learning to **shine@ksmacademy.com** and we will continue to share them on Twitter

Please continue to look after yourselves and stay safe.

Mrs Weaver

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