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Dear parents and carers,

I hope you and your families are well and have been able to enjoy some of the warm Spring weather. We are missing the children but hope that you are keeping healthy and active.

Remote learning

We have activated some other functions in Purple Mash. Pupils will be able to use the '2email' tool on Purple Mash from Monday 4th May. This is for pupils to communicate with their class teacher. It may be used for asking any questions pupils have about their home learning and to attach any home learning documents. We are really looking forward to hearing from the children. I know that some of the teachers have recorded messages for the children too.

We request that parents use the Admin email if you any general queries or questions and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

As a school we have invested in Tapestry, Purple Mash, My Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars as some of our online learning activities. We have been researching other appropriate online tools to use as a whole school. I have discussed the way forward with the team and we have decided that we will be adding Google Suite and its education tools in the future. Work will begin on rolling this out shortly. We will share with parents how it will be used for remote learning when it is up and running. I hope that we may be able to build in sessions for teachers to have a weekly Q&A session with pupils. In the meantime, I know that teachers have been providing feedback on Purple Mash.

We will continue to have a good blend of physical, creative and learning activities for the pupils.



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Letter writing

I have heard that some of our children have been very busy writing letters to residents in care homes to brighten their day during lockdown. What a wonderful idea! Well done to all of you who have been doing something positive for others at this time. I know that some of the children have written to all sorts of ordinary and well-known people and had some wonderful replies back. There have been some wonderful acts of kindness. Thank you for your letters to us too!

Contact details reminder

Please do not forget to update us if any of your contact details change. It is important to have accurate and up to date information especially during this period when we cannot have face to face meetings. Please notify the school office of any changes by email.

School Library Service ebooks

Behind the scenes we have been looking into how pupils can borrow books, especially as public libraries are closed as well. We have set up access to the school library service for pupils to borrow library ebooks. Please look out for your child's login details and site access. There is a fantastic selection and hopefully it will be exciting for the children to be able to browse and choose a book to read. The link and login will be sent to parents of pupils by email next week.

Annual pupil reports

We have brought forward the date for written reports to parents and these will be sent out to you via email, hopefully at the end of next week.

Newsletters, links and support

Previous newsletters are added on the school website. There are some very useful links with support for parents and pupils which we have not repeated in this newsletter so do have a look. Attached is information from The Educational Psychology Service with details of a support line for families.

Please contact us if you have any questions or require any advice or support and we will do our best to help.

Best wishes

Mrs Simrit Otway

Headteacher

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