



Academy Newsletter: April 2020

“Be strong and courageous. I will be with you.” Joshua 1:8

It feels so strange not to be able to open our doors to all of our children. I have really appreciated all of the support from staff and families, as well as your understanding. The school remains closed to all except for children of key workers and vulnerable children which will continue to be the case until further notice.

The messages we are all receiving is that all schools will remain closed for a long time and this is why we have had a real push on getting parents signed up for classroom dojo and google classroom.

Thank you for your continued support. I hope you find this information useful. Best wishes,

Mr Tolson

KEY WORKERS

You will be aware that our school remains open to a small number of children. Our school is following the Department for Education guidance that this is for people who work in delivering critical services such as health and social care. The guidance for this can be found on the DfE website. The school continues to follow the principle that if it is possible for the child to be at home, they must be. This is why the number of the children in school will remain as low as possible and we thank you for your understanding.

HOME LEARNING

Our home learning can be found on our website, class dojo and for KS2 on google classroom.

We have now posted 10 days worth of learning and we have been so pleased to see so much wonderful work shared on classroom dojo. On our newsletters during this closure, I will share some facts about the work children are completing.

It is important that you look after yourselves and that you do your best with work we set. However we understand that some days it will happen and some it will not. The main thing is that the children are keeping their brains active.

The learning we are setting is pitched at your child's year group but if you need further support, please get in touch with your child's class teacher. We need to keep this learning going together.

SUPPORT

We know that this is a difficult time for everyone and we will do everything we can to support you.

If you need to speak to us for support, you can call:

Mrs Mungovin on 01274 777095 or

Mr Tolson on 0792755061

between 8.00am – 3.15pm.

You have your class teachers e-mail address, you can contact them through class dojo and speak to the team in school.

You can also contact us through the school office (8.00am – 3.15pm)

93%
of families are
now connected to
dojo

Over 1800 photos
and videos shared
since we started
home learning

4740 messages
shared since
home learning
started

EASTER LEARNING

We have been on our Easter holidays for a week. On Monday, our Easter menu of activities was launched and we have had some lovely feedback so far.

We will give feedback after Easter and staff will be posting things on class dojo.

EASTER EGG CHALLENGE

Believe it or not, there have been some amazing entries already!

Staff and I will be posting on dojo over Easter so you can keep in touch. I know children have spent the last two weeks getting used to a new structure to their day. These activities are there to help them maintain this and have some fun too.

FOOD

We are now delivering food on a Monday as a food parcel for people who have Free School Meals. Remember, if you are not entitled to FSM but need some help please just get in touch.

PARENT SURVEY

Thank you for completing the parent survey around home learning:

1. **93.3% of parents have accessed work successfully**
2. **93% felt gave a score of 4 or 5 for 'there is enough to do'**
3. **86.7% of you submitted and received feedback.**

We will be picking up on your requests:

1. **Support KS2 parents with google classroom**
2. **Ensure daily posts on class dojo from all teaching staff**
3. **Use less 'teacher speak' and break down tasks more**
4. **Look at different learning tasks as well as Reading, Writing and Maths.**

Thank you for your feedback. We recognise some days are more difficult than others. Keep doing your best and keep in touch!

HOUSE POINTS

We will be developing our house point system so if you receive a dojo this is a house point and this can go towards your bronze, silver and gold awards.

HOT CHOCOLATE MONDAY

This one is difficult to do but we will nominate 2 people per class who excelled each week.

UPLIFTING SONG OF THE DAY

With her vast knowledge of music Mrs Lawrenson will be asking staff to post their uplifting song for the day. Watch this space!

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

It is very hard to have any sort of assembly at the moment but we are continuing to reward children for excellent attitude and high-quality work. A star of the week will be shown on each dojo page and we will deliver a certificate and small prize in the following week. We will also be producing a video of this to say well done. Mr O'Brien will be working his magic skills using I-movie to help!

HOME LEARNING RE-START DATE

Our daily home learning tasks will start again on **Monday 20th April.**

SCHOOL PRIZES

Star of the week and Parent of the week will be announced on twitter and dojo on Fridays. Prizes and certificates will be delivered during the following week.

