

Dear parents/carers,

Once again, a massive thank you to all our parents, carers and children for your continued engagement in our class dojos in these difficult times. It is so lovely to see photographs as well as learning of all the different activities, crafts, cooking, singing and dancing that you have been engaging with your children to ensure they continue to smile and be happy. Staff are enjoying looking at all the wonderful connections children are making with their learning and the progress they are making in handwriting, maths and reading as well as a range of other activities they are getting involved in.

We know things can be challenging and circumstances in each household vary. The learning on the dojo is set each week to keep the children busy and occupied as we know many of our parents are still working from home. Some days are more manageable than others, I myself know trying to work from home whilst supporting my three children can be difficult. All we ask is that you do your best. We provide a wide range of activities to engage all the children; if they can complete all of them, that's fantastic and if they complete a few activities, that is fantastic too. Staff are able to answer any questions about the learning or ways to support your child whilst learning from home. The quickest and easiest way is through the dojo site. If you send us a private message we will try our best to get back to you as soon as possible or alternatively you can contact us on our emails below:

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We ask that parents try their best to upload learning daily if possible. This helps staff to be able to respond to children's learning daily rather than having a large amount of learning arriving at the end of the week. I have also asked staff to switch off their laptops on Friday to enable them to have some quality family time. This means learning that is uploaded on Friday evening from the children will be looked at by staff on Sunday whilst they are uploading the lessons for the Monday morning.

**Support with Reading:**

If there is anything that you can do with your child daily, it is reading or sharing a book. Reading helps us to switch off and relax, which is important in the current climate we are all living in. Remember physical books are good, but there are lots of sites out there that you can access which provide a wide range of books for children to listen to or read out loud. <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/find-a-book/library-page>

You will have received an email from Mr Whittle yesterday. The heads of school have put together a questionnaire to gather feedback on the remote learning that the staff have been providing since our temporary school closure. We would really appreciate if you could spend 5 minutes completing the on-line questionnaire <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=KkQ2QP3PDUmrCDk9U5Uv-DUSTNS5wYVHoRRFzOHITWhUNK1MU1REOURGMFVDWjFSNkZFSdINV0dMSi4u>

as your feedback is invaluable in helping to support staff to provide the best education for your child/ren.

Finally, just to remind you that we have left a box of exercise books and hopefully some school writing pens outside of the school for those children who need them. Please do pop down and help yourself to some equipment if you need any. If they have ran out, please do let me know and we will make sure the box is topped up again.

Looking forward to seeing those cream tea and scarecrow pictures.

Keep safe, keep well and look after each other.

Hope you all have a lovely bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Cook