

VANE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER – FRIDAY 20TH MARCH 2020

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Message from Mr. Pavey

Dear all

I am sorry that I can't bring myself to write a Newsletter today. We have had a lovely last day and thank you for the kind donations that were gratefully received by the Foodbank. They said they were especially grateful for the food as they had had lots of donations of money but due to the selfish behaviour of panic buyers, there is little for them to actually buy.

Today is a desperately sad day and completes a week, the likes of, we have never seen. The stress has been unbearable and I applaud my staff and parents/carers for shielding the children from this. That being said, it has been difficult to cope with seeing the children and families leave today. We don't know what is ahead but I am sure after the challenging times we will again hear the laughter of children again in school, I can't wait for that day.

For now, I would ask everyone not to underestimate the severity of COVID 19 and follow the instructions of the experts. It may be an inconvenience, especially when we feel well but we all have a civic duty to do our part – it is ironic that doing our part might actually be to do nothing but stay in!

My team and I have worked hard to keep parents/carers informed this week and to react to the ever changing situation but I am instructing them to take a break. They and I are physically and mentally exhausted and now our families need us. We will be back on Monday, with a skeleton staff, for those who have booked in as there is absolutely no alternative but to come to school. If this system is abused it is not only socially irresponsible but it is also jeopardises the health of everyone.

I would like to thank the kind words of so many parents/carers who clearly recognise the challenges that have been faced by the staff. I am trying to establish a dedicated email address for parents/carers to use to communicate with school during this time but it appears that the system is currently overloaded and I will do this as soon as I can.

Take care of yourselves and each other, enjoy the time we have together and most importantly, stay safe.

Best wishes

Mr Kieran Pavey and the rest of the Vane Road Team