

Friday 5th February 2021

Dear Home School Partners,

I hope this week was better for everyone, I personally found last week a tough one and I know many of our staff felt the same way. We all know we will have ups and downs as we try to cope with this lockdown, but we all need to keep positive and try everyday to find something that cheers us up.

This week the Lego Challenge has been embraced by so many children, it seems to have really engaged them with trying a new way of learning about their class topic. So keep going with the 30 day Challenge, as Lego is proven to be a very therapeutic activity for children (and even adults)

From next week we will have Well-Being Wednesday. Teachers will post an activity which is fun for the children to do either alone or with the family. We won't post formal literacy and numeracy tasks. So this should give you and the children a mid-week break, time to focus on having fun and enjoying time together. The well being of our children is so important, if they aren't in the right headspace they won't be able to complete class work, so hopefully this will rejuvenate them mid- week, so they can give Thursday and Friday 100%.

I've said it before and I will say it again, as parents and carers you also need to ensure you take time for your own self care. So why not use each Wednesday to have a long soak in the bath, listen to music, watch a movie, read a book, or go on a walk in the fresh air, if possible not with children in toe!!

Finally this week I've written you a poem, I'm most certainly not the female version of Seamus Heaney, I would never be a Poet Laurette, but I find poetry can be the easiest way to put thoughts and feelings on paper.

So have a lovely weekend, do think of the positives that happened this week and remember from next Friday everyone gets a mid-term break until Sunday 21st February.

Claire Robinson

We Must Believe that One Day Soon.....

We all want our lives to go back to pre-Covid normal,
Classrooms of children, sitting close together, life less formal.
We want to be able to give them the one to one they deserve,
Teacher and assistants supporting them in their classroom would be just superb.

Teaching a classroom full of children is our passion and our craft,
Developing the minds of confident learners daily, to us is like handicraft.
We know the daily struggle of parents trying to home school,
We know it is a burden, lasting longer than we all hoped it would.

So let's all stick together teachers, parents and carers, a united team,
We can and will get through this struggle, we must believe we are nearing the end of this really bad dream.

So chins up, let's all give this life challenge a little bit more,
We know it won't be forever before we fully open up the school door.
Our teachers have your backs, they have friendly, caring ears,
So if you need their advice they are ready to help, so please have no fears.

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