



Thursday 30th April

Dear everyone,

Another week – well done!

The question I'm asked by every parent I see is 'when is school going to open'? The honest answer is that I know no more than you! There is a lot of noise in the education community, many theories and models - and arguments for and against the opening of schools – but as yet, absolutely no directive or guidance.

At EP, we are already, in advance of any government directive or advice, starting to look at models that ensure pupil safety but that enable as many children as possible to be back at school in a routine as soon as possible. I promise to keep you posted and to give you as much notice as I can! We firmly believe that the best outcome for us all, is the children back at school and so that is our starting point. We also hope there is an element of local decision making allowed for headteachers and governors so each school can consider its context, size and community and to design a model that works for them.

Taking part in a DfE survey

The DfE wants to do a survey of parents and teachers about their Covid 19 experience. Here's the link to register. Click on this link!

[DfE survey](#)

Weekly updates/tips on remote learning

Numbots

One of the things we worry about with this extended period of school being missed is our Year 1 and 2 pupils securing all their key number facts. To be ready for junior maths, having all those facts (e.g. double 6, 7+8, 10-2) at your fingertips, is SUCH an advantage. We have signed you all up to Numbots, a 'cousin' of Times Table Rock Stars and I can see that lots of you have already got stuck in. It steps up through 20 levels gradually getting harder and offering lots of repeated practice at each level. A daily dose of this will really help to secure these all important facts. Miss T has also given Year 3 access where it gets harder.....

Slow log in

Popular sites such as Hegarty, White Rose and Times Table Rock Stars simply have too much 'traffic' throughout the day especially at peak times. If you can't log on please be patient and don't just tell your teacher! Annoyingly when TTRS won't log you in, rather than a message saying 'busy', you just have to keep re-entering username and password. It does eventually work.

And to reiterate: we hope we are helping you to have a routine of set tasks each day which are screen bound but teachers are also suggesting lots of creative, practical ways to fill your day and get you making, creating and playing.

Golden Book Assembly

In the absence of our Friday celebratory assembly, we have decided we will nominate a home learning superstar from each class each week. Book Bingo chocolate stocks will be delivered to your door by Miss Froom! So this week they are:

- Archie in Nursery. Sophie loves how much you have been doing and is so proud of your counting;
- Lauren in Reception. Helen loves how you have done just about everything and to such a high standard;
- Stevie in Year 1 – your creations continue to delight Mrs Stokes and she is so proud of just how much you're doing;



- Phoebe in Year 2 – consistently doing everything Mr Cairns suggests – and more. Superstar!
- Lorraine in Year 3 – so productive, organised and involved says Miss T! She loves your poem!
- Toby in Year 4 – lots (everything!) achieved and working independently as the oldest in the family;
- Brody in Year 5 – just doing fantastic work and also a real volunteer presence in the community. Team 5 are so impressed ;
- Tanisha in Year 6 – working so hard, number 2 (above all but one teacher) in TTRS league and extra work writing about Ramadan for the Palmer Press!

And a special shout out for the Maturine parents who are coping at home with 4 children and 4 classrooms. Take a moment to show respect.

We are so proud of our whole EP community. Not only are you brilliant home learners, you have continued to donate to the Age UK campaign (see our twitter feed for lovely feedback) AND responded so rapidly and generously to the request for sheets and pillowcases for the bags and scrubs campaign. It's lovely to see you calling in to drop things off. The quality of the letters written at home for the older people is wonderful. Please keep them coming; they are so appreciated.



All the artwork done in school has been taken to the Royal Free ICU. Here's key members of the team holding the group Van Gogh painting! It also features on twitter.



Well done everyone . We miss you! We are very much hoping we will be back together before too long.

With love from all the staff at EP,

Kate Ford