

Thursday 9th April

Dear Parents, Carers and Children.

First and foremost I do hope you are all safe and well, this is really the most important thing in such unsettling times. I have spoken to many of you this week and I will continue to check in with families over the next week but as always if you need us please do not hesitate to call the school number or email. We will always respond.

This week I have seen Kim Neville who is now recovering at home. She is still weak and has a long journey of recovery ahead but it is amazing that she is home. As part of her recovery she has to be out walking; if you see her around please send her a big wave and a kiss (from a safe distance of course). I am convinced the huge outpouring of prayers and love from you all has assisted her in the amazing recovery she is making; thank you all so much.

This week and every week from now, the teachers will keep in touch through their blogs on the school website. With so many families having different levels of technology and WiFi etc, video conferencing and 'Skype' are just not possible for everyone. As always if you need us we are here. We will always respond within 24 hours.

At present there is plenty of work and activities on the home learning page of the school website. I am constantly adding resources and from next week the BBC will be releasing even more home learning materials. However my message remains the same; please try not to replicate school at home. **Remember this is an unprecedented, emergency situation and you are not 'home educators' by choice or planning.** Do not cause yourselves or your families more stress in an already stressful situation. Get in a simple routine and if you can do nothing else please pray, read and do some maths each day.

My biggest concern is for our mental health and well being. It is more important at this time to provide love and security for your families. Enjoy the good weather (safely) while we can.

This weekend is Easter and to help you celebrate I have added some collective worship activities from Ten Ten in the home learning page. Happy Easter.

God bless

Stay safe

Mark Mountcastle