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Summer Term Newsletter 2

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another week of home learning comes to an end, I am yet again amazed by all the fantastic and imaginative learning that the children have been completing. Please do take a look at the school Facebook and Twitter pages to see what everyone has been up to. We all recognise the pressures that you as parents must be under; in many cases, trying to juggle working from home yourselves, with looking after and supporting the children with their learning, so I just want to express my thanks to you all for really rising to the challenge!

Your teachers and support staff are still working hard behind the scenes, even if most of you can't see them. They are planning lessons for you both for whilst lockdown is in place and making plans and preparing resources and activities for the future when we get together again.

Wishing you a safe and healthy weekend.

Kind regards

Miss K Aldred

Schools Re-opening

I know that we all eagerly await some further government guidance on what will be happening with regards to schools opening and this week there has certainly been much speculation! I anticipate receiving further details from the Prime Minister on Sunday on details of how and when schools will fully reopen. It is worth noting that I, nor any other school have any prior notice of what will be said on Sunday and as such I politely ask that you give us time to respond to this potential announcement before contacting the school for further details.

It is worth noting that the Education Secretary, Gavin Williamson has said that the reopening of schools in England is expected to take place in a "phased manner". He told the Education Select Committee last week that the date for opening would depend on scientific advice - but schools would get "as much notice as possible". He added that the idea of all schools returning on day one with a full complement of pupils "would not be realistic".

I repeat my assurances to you that, once we know more we will be in touch with you all.

VE Day Celebrations

As you will know tomorrow is a bank holiday to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. It has been wonderful to see so many pictures of the children's work and learning around this area. Miss Greenslade sent everyone a special VE home learning activity sheet this week, which has hopefully inspired you to celebrate, albeit in a safe and socially distant way, tomorrow!

Safeguarding

Even though schools are partially closed during this period all schools continue to monitor and take responsibility for the safeguarding and protection of their children. We now have an amendment to our usual Safeguarding policy, specifically for this pandemic period. It can be read on our school website

Home learning/School Website

We have created a new home learning area on the school website, to help you as parents find information and resources a little easier. It can be found by hovering over the Parents/Carers pencil, on the home screen, then hovering over the Curriculum link and then finally clicking on the Learning Platform Link. You can also access this area by simply clicking here: <https://www.bagshot.surrey.sch.uk/for-parents-carers/curriculum/learning-platform/>

Once you are 'inside' the learning platform area you will find the *children's zone* which is then divided into year groups and has some useful websites for English and Maths but, all of the home learning projects and weekly newsletters from your child's class teacher. We will continue to email the weekly newsletters directly to you, via parentmail but they will also be collated here. We have also uploaded a further eight optional, weekly learning projects to this area, should you choose to use them. Finally, thank you to everyone that has been sending us pictures of your child's 'at home learning'. If you would like to send us a picture or two please send them to info@bagshot.surrey.sch.uk and state whether you give permission for them to be used on our school Facebook and Twitter pages.