



3<sup>rd</sup> April 2020

Dear children,

I hope you are all well and enjoying your extra time at home with your families. We are missing you all very much and looking forward to welcoming you back to school when the time comes. We have received lots of messages from children about how they are missing their teachers and friends so we are currently setting up a new system called Class Dojo with your parents which will allow you to safely have contact with your teachers and classmates through message sharing, sharing of photos and regular posts. We really hope you like the new system which will be ready to use fully after the Easter break.

Miss Said, Mrs Boulton and I have loved seeing your posts on Twitter showing the great home learning you are doing. I know that it can sometimes be hard to find the motivation to keep up your learning at home when there are lots of other things to play with/on. It is really good for you to try and do a little learning each day to keep up your skills, especially in reading. The new Class Dojo app lets you post pictures of your learning for your teachers, classmates and parents to like and comment on, we hope this gives you a little encouragement. I know that trying to get my son to keep up his learning at home has required a lot of encouragement from me and Mrs Newman as he would rather play in the garden, so each day we make a little plan and mix his learning with free time. I hope you have been able to find a routine that works for your family, as keeping up a routine is good for you. This is a very difficult time for everyone and we are all trying to do our best especially your parents so please remember that and try to help out at home where you can, remember to be kind to your siblings (if you have them) and be positive about learning from home.

These are very unusual times with schools closed, not being able to visit family or go out to play with friends. With change often comes worry and questions and that is normal. If you are worried remember it is always best to talk to your family and share your worries and find a way to move beyond them. Once Class Dojo is up and running you will be able to talk to us about any worries just as you would in school.

I look forward to having much more communication with you all in the coming weeks. I hope you all have the best Easter break you can.

Stay safe, stay home and look after each other.

Happy Easter

Mr Newman

