

Hello everyone

I just wanted to touch base with you all to wish you a happy weekend. Now that we are three weeks into this lockdown you may well be approaching something of a 'wall' as far as the home learning is going. You may be feeling guilty that you aren't getting as much done with your children as you feel you should - more than likely because you are also trying to get your own work done. If this is the case please don't fret, and remember to be kind to yourselves and your families. It is quite acceptable to throw the timetable out of the window for a day and get outside - especially on the rare days when the sun is shining like it is today. Remember that learning is all around us and does not have to take place in front of a screen or with a pencil in our hands.

I spend a bit of every day looking at the work on Seesaw and Tapestry - it's my favourite part of the day if I'm honest. Just connecting with our children is so uplifting - and I particularly love the videos of that 'other' sort of learning - cooking, creating, exercising and just having fun being together. These are the things that your children will remember about lockdown - not the handwriting sessions or maths problems. Just as in school they remember the trips out of school or the dressing up days rather than the phonics and English lessons - however exciting the teachers make them!

The staff will all be spending Sunday morning taking their first Lateral Flow Tests - and trying to remember that the swab goes to the tonsils first and the nostrils second - not the other way around! We hope this will be reassuring to you and we clearly hope for negative outcomes, but have to be aware that the whole purpose of these tests is to try and identify anyone who is asymptomatic. Whatever happens we are ready to deal with it.

So, once again, thank you for your commitment to our school and your children during this difficult time. This is the time of year when the odd glimpse of spring can lift the spirits - just seeing the bulbs starting to peep through the hard ground does it for me!

With love from

Jacky