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NEWSLETTER No. 11

Our Value This Term Is... *Hope*



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Dear Parents,

I hope this finds you and your families well and beginning to sense even the slightest bit of spring in the air. Probably a little hopeful but as I write there is still a glimmer of light in the sky at nearly 5:30pm compared with the 4:30pm of a month ago. For me the snowdrops always signal that winter is making its way out – hopefully it won't have a sting in its tail having written this!

It seems amazing that the children have been learning at home for 5 full weeks. We are truly proud of each and every one of them... the SeeSaw uploads are a real source of pleasure for teachers and I urge you to ensure that your children's work is uploaded, not simply to show that it has been done but to enable the important feedback from teachers. Feedback not only supports continued progress but perhaps more importantly keeps children motivated and encouraged to keep going.

I have really enjoyed the pictures, poems, cards, necklaces and pebbles, linked to our value of Hope that have been sent into school. There is now a display of these waiting for the children when they return (see photo below). Please keep these coming in. We are thinking about finding somewhere in our local community (perhaps a local supermarket or Doctors surgery) where we might put a board displaying messages of Hope. We will continue to collect the children's work and thoughts and spread the Hope beyond the parameters of our school. Please do get in touch if you think you know the ideal place for a board to go.

As many of you will by now know, we are busy making phone calls to families to check in and find out from you how things are going and if there is more that we can do to support you. Please do not wait for a call if you need to get in touch. At this time, when we all feel distant from each other, it is even more important that you reach out if there is something that you think we are able to help with.

Please find attached, along with this letter, a document that provides a little more background and detail regarding the home learning we are providing and some deeper insight into the decisions that we have made about how home learning looks across the school. We will be sending out a survey next week asking for feedback about the work we have done in this area and I hope that this document will provide some context to support you when responding to that.

I hope that you are looking forward to half term. We aren't able to go anywhere to do anything but hopefully you are able to take your foot off the pedal a little and enjoy a week where the demands on your resources are fractionally reduced.
Thank you as always for your support and commitment to the children's learning.

With kind regards

Niki Jones

Principal

Hope Display

Since taking this photograph there have been so many more contributions... I will have to start a new display in the hall! Keep them coming children... every letter that arrives brings a little more hope into our school!

