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Dear Parents

I am writing to you as we come to the end of our four day school week and look forward to a very special bank holiday to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of VE Day. We did have lots of special celebrations planned for school but obviously these cannot go ahead. Instead, your child's teacher will have sent you ideas on how you can mark this occasion at home. Whatever you choose to do, I hope you manage to relax, switch off from the pressure of being a teacher at home and enjoy the time with your family.

It is important that the teachers try to switch off too so they will not be contacting you tomorrow. Please do still use the office email address if you need any urgent support over the bank holiday weekend.

It has been really useful to receive some feedback about the home learning we have been offering to date. I am pleased the timetables have been helping you. We have tried to ensure none of the work provided needs to be printed from now on. We have also tried to include a range of activities so if access to the Internet is tricky, there are still learning tasks your child can complete. We have also added some resources to the website which the children regularly use in school to support you at home. Please do continue to let us know what would help – we want to get it right for you.

I hope you have managed to watch the video we made for you all – what a crazy bunch of staff!! I hope it brought a smile to you during this difficult time. I would like to say a special thank you to Mr Wallace and his son, Ben, for creating the video too.

The next batch of food hampers for those children in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals will be ready for collection on WEDNESDAY 13th MAY. Please collect if you possibly can (or arrange for someone to collect for you) between 10 and 11.30am. I would like to say a special thank you to the team of volunteer staff delivery drivers who help out each hamper day too – they only have limited capacity and time to make deliveries, so we cannot guarantee a delivery and it helps enormously if you can collect. Thank you.

This Sunday we are expecting an update from our Prime Minister explaining what the road map will look like in the next phase of combating the coronavirus. We are expecting this to include an update on schools. We will hear this information at the same time as you – we are given no prior warning. Therefore, to ensure we have time to develop a strategic approach that supports the wellbeing of children, staff, parents and other school users, I ask you to be patient. I will not be in a position to answer your questions immediately.

Please be assured that we will continue to follow advice from the Department for Education, Public Health England and BCP Local Authority as we have all along. The safety of our children, parents and staff will be paramount.

I will, of course, keep you updated with the school's response as soon as it has been formulated.

Finally, please can I remind you that currently the lock down is still in place and therefore we should all be staying in our own homes as much as we can. The better we do this, the quicker we will be able to return to some form of normality.

Enjoy

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Best wishes

Mrs Helen Frampton
Headteacher