



18th June 2020

Dear Parents

COVID-19

Here is my weekly update regarding the coronavirus situation. I have good news regarding the development of our home learning package and arrangements for transition to new classes in September.

We are now approaching our eleventh week of home learning and, once again, I would like to thank you for your support through this difficult time. When we closed on 20th March, I could not imagine the situation in which we find ourselves today and there is, of course, no certainty surrounding the return to school in September.

GOOGLE CLASSROOM

From next week, all home learning activities will be accessed via Google Classroom. This is currently being populated with next week's work ready for Monday. If you have not yet retrieved your child's account details, I would urge you to do so and log into the platform. Once your child is logged in, their work will be listed in the same way as it was on the website. It is early days, but we are hoping for a smooth launch – if you do experience difficulties, please contact the school office and we will offer as much support as we can.

ON-LINE READING

I am delighted to let you know that we have, at last, managed to purchase the on-line reading scheme Bug Club. This has only been confirmed this morning and teachers will do all they can to set suitable eBooks for child to access at home as soon as they can. We will let you know when allocations have been made, but in the meantime, I plan to send information for parents about the scheme and how to access the books with this

communication. Please note that the user name and password are the same as that used for Abacus Maths which were shared at the beginning of Lockdown.

For most children the user name comprises the first four letters of your child's first name followed by the first second letters of your surname – all lower case. For example:

Timothy Smith would be **timosmit**

The password for all children is **ufing**

The school code is **tphw**

To access the website, please visit: www.activelearnprimary.co.uk

TRANSITION ARRANGEMENTS

As you probably know, we usually organise a Moving Up day when the children visit their new classroom and teacher if they are moving up to the next class. We also hold an annual 'Meet the Teacher' session for parents.

Due to the current restrictions, we are not able to offer face-to-face transition this year but we do plan to organise virtual meetings during the week commencing Monday 13th July. We will encourage children to submit any questions that they might like the teacher to answer prior to the session. If you, as parents, have any questions, please communicate these by email to the office and we will do our best to respond. We will send further details in due course.

MERIT ASSEMBLY

Finally, we shall once again be holding a Virtual Merit Assembly on Zoom at 1:15pm tomorrow afternoon. I estimate that last week's assembly reached around one hundred people and we hope that you will join us again tomorrow come together as a school family and celebrate the achievements of the week.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs HR Simms', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Mrs HR Simms

Headteacher