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“Caring now, for the future of our community, those in need, our lifestyles, one another, our education and the future itself”

NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

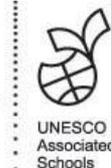
Last week in school was like something I have never experienced before.

The numbers of pupils attending school on Monday were lower than expected and attendance fell rapidly as the week went on. A number of staff and I were not able to be in school for the latter part of the week, however declining numbers of pupils meant we could keep going until Friday without closing. Many of us have had to put our family’s health first, but our professional roles continue and we have to adapt to a new way of living during a time of national emergency. Last week staff worked flat out at school to make sure you got the right information and we started to make arrangements for not only next week but subsequent weeks too.

STAFF

The entire school staff stepped up last week to help and continue to do so. Without their dedication and tireless work around the clock, we would have struggled to get the necessary jobs done. This proved to be challenging, given the incredibly short time frame we had to work within. They have proved once again, that they will all go the extra mile for both the children and parents of the school. They are all dedicated professionals who work beyond their remit. It is often said that working in schools is a vocation, even a calling and now our staff are at the frontline in trying to help the country keep going.

The decisions we have had to make (many based on government orders) have not been easy and I feel for so many within our school community, who are facing tough and uncertain times. Normally we finish off the term with an Easter service, various fun events including the Year 3 /4 show, but this could not happen. We have ended the term on a very sombre note and it is unclear when our school will reopen. It could be a considerable time before we hear the school bell ring again but it is necessary that we take the action that is required of us.



EXAMS

For the remainder of this school year, all school testing and exams have been cancelled and we know that an OFSTED inspection won't occur this year either. We did manage to get the Year 6 residential in and the pupils had a really memorable time which they will cherish for years to come.

HOME LEARNING

I would urge all parents to keep supporting your children with their learning. This is imperative as we are not in a position to do this face to face for the foreseeable future. Please hear your children read each day, talk to them and get stuck into the array of activities that we have already sent onto you, which support home learning. Once the Easter holidays are over we will review how we can best support your children, especially if the school closures are prolonged.

LASTING THOUGHT

Easter is always a very pensive time for me. The children would have heard the traditional Bible story for this time of year and they will know about the various events relating to it. Easter is also a time of hope and new beginnings and that is an important thought to hold onto as we go forward together.

Please do follow the Government health advice and look after yourselves as best as you can.

My thoughts and best wishes are with you all.

Nic George

Head of School

