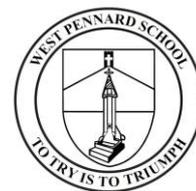




Weekly Newsletter

Written for the Week Beginning 4th May 2020



Dear parents,

I hope that you are all keeping well during this difficult time. As a school, we still have no further information on when we will be allowed to open or how this might look. As soon as we know any more detail, we will of course inform you with our plans and keep you up-to-date. Our priority will of course be the safety of our whole school community.

Please can I remind you that the usual channels of communication to discuss anything with your child's class teacher are still open to you. Please use Class Dojo (if your child is in Years 2 -6) or the school gmail account (if your child is in Year R or Year 1). The teachers will be able to support you with any queries or questions related to home learning. Teachers have also started individual phone calls to households to further our support. I must also make you aware that as all of the teaching staff worked over the Easter break looking after children of key workers, some teachers are currently on leave or may start their leave next week so phone calls will be delayed for some classes.

A common query seems to be 'how much home learning should my child be doing?' This is an extremely difficult question to answer. Individual families will be in a range of situations or face a range of challenges. Some children can work independently, others will need lots of support. If you have more than 1 child that also brings further challenge. My message remains the same - do what you can, when you can. Supporting your family emotionally will be the most important priority and you will need to balance that with academic learning. If you are struggling with emotional challenges then please do reach out to us and we can put you in touch with some helplines and /or offer advice. At the end of this newsletter you will find some information on well-being.

Now I would like to come onto our Year 6s. I really feel for them - as we should as a school be preparing for all those special events - end of year play, leavers' service, leavers' assembly, transition days etc etc. I want to reassure Year 6 that we will make your end of primary as special as we can. Obviously, we can't plan for anything until schools are given the go ahead to reopen and we can only do what is safe, but we will arrange for you to have a good send off when we can - even if that is after the summer holidays. I want to reassure Year 6 children and parents that you are very much in our minds.

Finally have a restful weekend if you can.

With my very best wishes

Jo Hale

Quote of the week

"The greatest glory in living lies not in never falling, but in rising every time we fall"

Nelson Mandela

Taking Care of Yourself

Please find attached some information on taking care of yourselves during this difficult time.

Artwork

This wonderful piece of work was created by children of key workers who access our childcare.



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