

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May, 2020

Dear Parents,

The weeks seem to be flying by now – only 2 weeks until half term! In an ordinary year, we would be wishing our Year 6 children good luck with their SATs next week but not this time – the first for me in over 20 years of teaching. I know we will all be following the news on Sunday to see if there is any indication of schools reopening and what this might look like. If this does happen, the staff will be galvanised into making plans and we will let you know as soon as possible what these arrangements will be. In the meantime, it will be home learning as usual – apart from Friday where no school work will be set and everyone can enjoy a bank holiday in their gardens soaking up the sunshine that has arrived, albeit briefly.

### Videos

Today has been an emotional one for our staff where we have been watching videos sent in from our children. The teachers are missing your children just as much as they are missing us and it was incredible to see all their faces today. Thank you so much. You can view the videos by clicking on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCibj3CBJzZMsgnBOiSftXcA/videos>

### MK Library

The MK Library Service is providing online access through an app called RB Digital. If you have a Milton Keynes Library card you can download e-books for free. Information can be found on the following link: <https://www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries/elibrary>

### Online Safety

A general reminder to parents about ensuring children are working safely on line. Please check your children are making appropriate comments when communicating with their peers and continue to monitor their communications if they are accessing social media sites on any personal devices. Online access has increased dramatically under the current circumstances and we want all our children to remain safe.

### Staff News

Mrs. Charlotte Fox begins her maternity leave this week with her baby due towards the end of May. We all wish Charlotte and her family well and look forward to hearing news of a new little baby very soon. If your child is in Butterflies, all communication should now be with Mrs. Sian McCullough who takes on the class full time for the remainder of the Summer Term.



### Times Table Rock Stars

Well done to all our great players from the last TTRS battle. Mr Chapman uploaded all the star payers on to Google Classrooms – an amazing effort.

Now comes the new battle.....GBS adults vs GBS children! Year 1 to Year 6 can take part although Year 1 children have a Numbots challenge if they prefer. All the instructions have been posted on Google classrooms. The competition starts on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May and runs until Thursday – who will be the champions?

## **VE Day**

This week, our Google classrooms have included some information and activities for VE day. You may well have seen the video of Mrs. Holding sporting a 1940's look and sharing some songs from the era!

Although social distancing measures have led to gatherings and parties being cancelled, organisers are encouraging people to decorate their homes in red, white and blue, and hold a 'stay-at-home street party' by having individual picnics or tea parties in their gardens. If you are celebrating the event in this way, please stay safe and feel free to share your celebrations with us via Google classrooms or Tapestry next week.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend,

*Claire, Angie and Debbie*

