



17<sup>th</sup> April 2020

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

## **WELCOME BACK TO THE SUMMER TERM!**

It seems strange typing this letter when ordinarily I would be greeting you at the school entrance and hearing about all your exploits during the Easter break. Although we are four weeks into lockdown, as we start this new term, I think that on Monday morning we will miss seeing you all, more than ever.

I hope you are all managing to adapt to some sort of temporary normality and daily routines. If you took a 'holiday' from school over the past two weeks, I'm sure that you are pleased that **SCHOOL IS BACK ON MONDAY!** We are looking forward to starting the new term with you.

Many of you have been doing an amazing job of supporting your children with their wellbeing and learning these past few weeks, and we are very grateful that you are also supporting us in our role. I have had the opportunity to look at most of the work the children have completed online and I must say, I have been impressed with how creative and inventive some of you and your children have been!

**REMEMBER – you are your child's first educator. You were doing it long before we came along. You are doing a great job!**

**Not logged on yet? Please do, your child is missing out!**

We are very concerned that there are still some children who have either not logged on or completed very little work. We appreciate that not everyone has more than one device to work from at home and it can be challenging to juggle work, school work and all the tasks that are involved in running a household that is housebound. However, your children need to be 'in school'. We are here to offer as much support as we can. Next week we will be calling families to find out how they are getting and if there is any help we can give.

The Summer Term is a long and important term where your children start to think about the year ahead and the skills and knowledge they need to transition to the next class or the next phase. The current situation is far from perfect but we want to make the best of it.

Teachers will return to putting a regular programme of work online, on SeeSaw, when school resumes on **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**. Nursery and Reception pupil logins were provided in their learning packs, however some Nursery packs were not collected and they are still at the school reception waiting to be collected. Year 1 and Year 2 will start regular daily lessons from Monday.

## **Science Week**

We had planned a very exciting Science Week (w/c 4<sup>th</sup> May) with many visitors coming into the school. Whilst we will not be able to have the visitors, we are still, very much looking forward to Science Week. We hope you are too.

## **Free School Meals**

I am putting these details in the newsletter again because from week to week family's circumstances change and it may be that they become eligible for Free School Meals. If you feel that you may be eligible, it is possible to determine your eligibility by going on to the Camden website and looking at 'Free School Meals'. There is support for families that meet the criteria so please apply if you think your family qualifies.

<https://www.camden.gov.uk/free-school-meals>

## **TOP TIPS**

- Resist pressure to recreate school – you are at home! Having children of different ages at home makes teaching more complicated and it is unlikely that you have the resources available that teachers have in the classroom –spend some time cooking, reading, cleaning, acting, playing with your children.
- Some interesting websites for you and your children to enjoy

<https://radioblogging.net/>

Join Pie Corbet, Russell Prue and Ian Rocky for daily English lessons at 9.30 am – this could be addictive!

<https://medium.com/pobble/simple-and-fun-non-screen-activities-that-children-can-do-at-home-115543cb3b9c>

For those quiet moments when your children are at a loose end ....and they've run out of screen time.

## **And for you....**

Fancy something new to read? Run out of books? The National Archive has established a National Emergency Library online, with thousands of books available to borrow for free – available in different languages too.

[www.archive.org/nel](http://www.archive.org/nel)



**Birthdays between 10<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**Happy 8<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

10<sup>th</sup> April - **Fatima** (Year 3)

11<sup>th</sup> April- **George** (Year 3)

12<sup>th</sup> April - **Veronica** (Year 3)

16<sup>th</sup> April –**Tre** (Year 3)

16<sup>th</sup> April – **Yahya** (Year 3)

**Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday**

17<sup>th</sup> April - **Ava** (Year 5)

**We hope you all had a wonderful day!**

All that is left is to wish you good health and to all our Muslim families who begin Ramadan next week, I wish them well with their fast.

With all good wishes,

Anne Fontaine  
Headteacher