



Newsletter 23rd April 2020

Dear parents,

Home Learning

Well done for your continued efforts with home schooling. These are really challenging times for all of us and we really appreciate all of your efforts.

Please see some links below to articles and advice that may be useful:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/arguments-conflict-family-tension-coronavirus-lockdown/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/coronavirus-parents-working-from-home/>

Return to school

The government announced yesterday that schools are unlikely to return before June, and that the return of pupils will be staggered. Schools hear these announcements at the same time as the public so we, like you, currently have no further information about this. As soon as we have more information and guidance, we will share information with you. Please rest assured we will continue to work as hard as we can, to do our very best for our pupils.

School budgets

Headteachers and governing bodies around the country are currently setting their budgets for the next financial year. We have always worked very hard to carefully use the funding we receive, maintaining the highest levels of staffing possible and the best resources.

We have done our very best not to pass on too many costs to you as parents. Unfortunately, we are going to have to ask for more help from you. We do of course appreciate that the current crisis has financial implications for many people, however we are will have to increase the cost of some services so that the school remains viable.

We will have to increase the price of junior swimming lessons. These have been £3 a session for many years and are considerably cheaper than other swimming lessons. The cost of Good Morning World Club has been £2 a session for a number of years and this will also increase. We will provide you with more details on this when the budget is finalised.

Assemblies

We haven't had assemblies this week as I am looking for an alternative platform or method.

Oliver Jeffers TED Talk

Oliver Jeffers did a TED Talk last week about all humans living on earth. Here is the link if you would like to watch it.

https://www.ted.com/talks/oliver_jeffers_an_ode_to_living_on_earth/transcript?language=en

P4C - Philosophy for Children

Here are some philosophy talking points for you if you would like to use them.

Thoughtful Conversations for Families Week 3

For everyone who is now home-schooling, DialogueWorks is sending out weekly activity packs to stimulate interesting conversations in your family. We're basing them on P4C and Thinking Moves, programmes that schools use all around the world.

Activities for all ages from 3 years old upwards

The activities are easy to pick up and fun to do. You don't need any special knowledge or prior experience. They will be a refreshing change from the rest of the home-schooling week.

[Download the activity pack](#)

See how brilliantly your children think when they get the chance!

Please take care and stay safe