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Dear Parents,

Welcome to our first 'Keeping in touch' newsletter. I have decided to call them the Mosborough Chronicles!

Mosborough Chronicles I

Work Packs

All parents should now be in possession of the support work packs that the staff have copied for you. In there should be a range of tasks that will keep your child busy. Please remember these packs are for you to use as you see fit, there is no expectation for them all to be completed by the end of the first week!

If you do not have a pack please phone the office. We employed a crack team of private postal delivery experts who spent Monday travelling the length and breadth of Mosborough tracking children down and ensuring they got their packs!

Website

Remember to check the website each day for additional tasks for the children to work on. All classes have a bespoke email address for the children to post examples of their work or for parents to contact the teacher. This is only on during office hours, however the teachers will respond once they see it. So far we have been sent some wonderful examples of the children's attempts to respond the tasks. You will also notice that each week we will try to highlight any other resources that we think are worthy of your time. The first one we would recommend you look at is Gareth Metcalf's 'I see Maths'.

<http://www.iseemaths.com/home-lessons/> Each day Gareth will post lessons for KS2 pupils. He is also going to post games and maths ideas for KS1 pupils. If you are looking to supplement your child's learning this site will be fantastic.

Rewards

During the school closure we want to ensure we are continuing to reward and celebrate children's learning and achievements on a regular basis. To do this, we will use the Dojo system. This can be accessed by you and your child from a laptop (www.classdojo.com) or on the app.

Key Information:

- New classes will be created with a new name e.g. Year 1Beech Class – Summer 2020
- You should see this automatically if you are already connected to dojo. If you are not connected teachers will email you the information you need to do this via the Dojo website.
- We will reward dojo's based on our school's learning behaviours and the school's value as we would in school. See the photo at the bottom of the next page.



- Teachers will award dojos in the same way we would in school and these will be seen by you and your child
- When children reaches 10 dojos this will be equal to a house point. House points will not be seen on the Dojo system, these will be logged separately by teachers. Classes will post their house point information onto class pages.
- A celebration certificate will be award each week to our 'Learner of the Week'. This will be posted onto class pages.

Twitter

Remember to keep checking our Twitter feed. We will be sharing some great examples of home – learning and also promoting additional ways the children can keep developing their skills.

French Learning

Madame Johnson is posting French tasks on the class pages for the children to work on each week. The first task was to download Duolingo onto your device. It is essential that the children continue to work on their French skills whilst they are away from school. Duolingo is a fabulous resource for the children to access. It is also really easy to use and free!

Music Teacher

Our new music teacher, Miss Sandoval, was scheduled to be joining us after Easter however we do not know how much longer we will be in lockdown. Undeterred, she has requested space on our website and, from the first week after the holidays, will be setting regular music challenges for each year group to undertake. More information will follow about this but in the meantime – do read her biography on the music section of the website!

Free School Meals

Remember, even if you are not sending your child to school they are still entitled to a free school meal (if eligible). If you would like your child to have one all you need to do is contact the office by 9am and let them know your order. This can either be collected in a grab bag (sandwich option, we tried a hot meal but the gravy soaked through!) or they can eat in the dining room.

Easter Holidays

Whilst I am certain that you will agree with me that it promises to be an extremely surreal Easter break, the staff will also be taking time away from school in some form. Whilst there will be a few staff offering childcare during this period I have instructed the teachers not to set the additional tasks on the website. There are two research projects and the packs for the children to be focussing upon. I also know for a fact that they will all be far too busy eating chocolate!

I do hope that you all are able to have an eggcellent break and stay safe.

Yours

Martin Fallon

