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Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Easter break and managed to enjoy the sunshine. Hardly the holiday period any of us was expecting a few weeks ago.

We've all had to adapt to new ways of working, so I wanted to take the opportunity to say what an amazing job you're doing supporting your child's wellbeing and learning during this time.

It's definitely been a strange and challenging time for everyone, so it's ok if you and your child feel a little bit worried at the moment. We're here for you every step of the way as we figure this all out together. Remember, if you have any concerns about helping your child's learning or you need any other support from the school, please let us know by email. If it is related to work set by teachers please use their email addresses, if it is something that Helen or I can help with use the admin email address.

We all miss the children very much, but we must follow the government's guidance to keep everyone in our community safe. So, we're carrying on with our provision for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers in school when it is needed, and uploading weekly work and challenges for everyone on to the website. Further 'Zoom' sessions will be planned too – these have been risk assessed, just a reminder please do not share the meeting invite with others this is for your use only to ensure security.

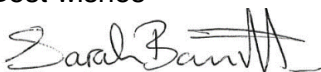
Just because we're not all in the same building, doesn't mean we can't have some fun together! Many have already shared their work and fun activities with the adults in school via email. I have really enjoyed seeing all the Elmer challenge work coming in over Easter. The children will have lots of activities they can do as we start the summer term – so keep a close eye on the website. I have already added my next challenge. Please share exciting moments with the staff, they really enjoy receiving these. I would also like to say a big thank you to those staff who are making sure that class pages are up to date on the website and to those that are continuing to come in to school to support me and the children of key workers.

We can't say when we'll be able to open the school again, but rest assured that we'll continue doing our utmost to keep your child learning and our school community connected. What is the most important aspect for the children is that they are happy and safe; their wellbeing comes first.

Please send our best wishes to the children and tell them that we are thinking of them.

Take care and stay safe.

Best wishes



Mrs Sarah Bassitt
Headteacher