

Wycliffe Weekly

Happy Friday – and of course – Happy Easter holidays!

#### CARE OVER EASTER

A quick update today regarding the home learning and other systems that we have been providing for your children whilst the school has been partially closed. I say partially as we continue to have staff in school every day caring for a small group of children who need us as a priority in these difficult times. We have asked for updates and have timetabled over Easter accordingly. **I hope you have acted upon these emails as staffing is now complete for over Easter.**

#### EASTER HOLIDAY

It seems highly unlikely that we will return to school after the Easter break and as such, teachers have been busy planning learning for your children to continue with after the Easter break. They will however, in the main, be having an Easter break and are therefore **'under orders'** not to keep emailing over the Easter period. Some staff are in work (caring for children) over Easter – including the Bank Holidays and will therefore take their Easter break at a later date. This will affect home learning – but I am sure you can appreciate that this is only fair – yet apologies if it affects your eagerness to learn! **An idea is to dip into another class page or use the home learning tab if you find yourself at a loose end. As we said before – YOU control your home learning.**

#### FSM

Free school meal vouchers will be distributed as a national programme from April the 20<sup>th</sup>..... again emails and texts have been sent – including reminders. This is a national system where each child eligible on application (by parents to the LA) will receive a voucher for £15, weekly, redeemable at local supermarkets. Please note that the admin team are working really hard to contact parents who we know already receive these in school but please get in touch **today** if you feel you should be getting a FSM and we can check this against our data. The team are working tirelessly to ensure this runs smoothly but please note that we are at the mercy of national systems and process. Until the 20<sup>th</sup>, packed lunches can be collected by those families who have asked for them for the full 10 school days over Easter. *Please let us know if they are not needed – staff may be in school waiting for you needlessly, when they could be at home with their families.*

#### OUR THANKS

I would now like to thank you for your understanding during this incredibly challenging time for everybody. It is something that we have never experienced in school and we are doing everything we can to keep you up to date and provide the best we can. I know that this is equally challenging for you as parents as many of you are trying to juggle your own work commitments and working with your children. The positive communication we have received show that *we are* a Wycliffe family and that you fully appreciate that many of our teachers and school staff are also parents caring for their own children or elderly relatives. Everybody is working exceptionally hard, apart yet together, in difficult circumstances.

I would particularly like to thank those parents who have been complimentary of my communication and who have voiced their support for their children's teachers. It really does make a huge difference. I hope that you are able to have a break from your own work over the Easter holiday. We are all in the same situation and I hope that you and your families stay well.

Stay home.

Stay safe.

Stay kind.

Mrs Baxter and your Wycliffe family