



Monday, 4th May 2020

Dear Children and Parents,

Summer 2020 - Newsletter 1

Welcome to a very different type of start to the summer term 2020. I hope you are all well and are finding ways to cope with the difficult circumstances we all have to face at the present time. Well done on observing the governments guidelines regarding social distancing - something that doesn't come naturally to any of us but which we are told is making a big difference to limiting the spread of Coronavirus.

Thank you to all of the pupils for their dedicated and hard-working approach to the tackling of the work that has been set. I have heard so many stories about the imaginative approaches children are bringing to their learning and about the very good attempts that are being made to complete the different tasks in the home environment. Thank you once again to all parents for the help and support they are providing for children - all staff at TMPS very much appreciate all that you are doing. I know we all recognise the vital importance of children maintaining the habit for learning that was established before the closure in readiness for the time when we will all be together again in school. As always, I record my grateful thanks to the staff for all that they are doing to support and encourage the children through the provision of learning programmes.

Over the last couple of weeks, the teachers have also really enjoyed having the opportunity to speak to children and parents from their classes by phone. Please don't hesitate to contact us if there is anything you wish to ask or think we may be able to help with. Teachers will regularly check, and respond to, your do-jo messages between 9.00am and 3.30pm on school days (but not during designated holidays, bank holidays or at weekends).

As Friday, 8th May is a scheduled bank holiday, tasks for children to complete at home will not be set on this day. I hope children will take the opportunity to find out as much as they can about the important event that is being commemorated on Friday - the 75th anniversary of the end of World War 2 in Europe (VE day). After all the devastation and hardship that was endured during World War 2, VE day was not surprisingly a day of celebration across the UK in 1945. As we commemorate this anniversary, it reminds us how after a period of enormous hardship we were able to re-group and rebuild the different elements of our shared national and international life together. I remain convinced that the indomitable, caring human-spirit we saw following the end of world war 2 will see us through again as we face hardships of a different kind now.



Free School Meals provision

Did you know, we can provide a weekly hamper bag of food (to allow you to make sandwiches/lunches for a week) for every child who is eligible for benefit-related free school meals? If you are entitled to benefit-related free school meals and you haven't already ordered a hamper bag, please contact the school to place your order. Hamper bags are delivered every Tuesday and can be collected from the school. If we are not able to provide you with a hamper bag immediately, due to the need to pre-order for Tuesday delivery from our food suppliers, we can provide sandwich bags for children until the next delivery of hamper bags.

Safeguarding of children

1. Given the time available during closure for children to access on-line resources, please make sure systems are in place to ensure your child only accesses sites that are safe for children in their age-group. Some guidelines for children and parents on Internet-safety have already been distributed.
2. **Reminder** - if you have a concern about the safety or well-being of any child, please ring First Response to report it:

0800 1313 126

3. If you believe a child is in immediate danger please ring the Police straight away.

Should you need any advice about a safeguarding concern, please contact Mr Goodwin/Mrs Brockhurst by ringing the school on 01785 337500 (as a minimum we have someone in the office every morning) or send an e-mail:

headteacher@tillingtonmanor.staffs.sch.uk

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Food Banks

The following organisations in our area are available to provide some items of tinned/packet food if anyone requires a little extra help at this very difficult time:

- House of Bread - 01785 243492 - Browning Street, Stafford
- Elim Hope Foodbank - 01785 242373 - St Patrick's Street, Stafford - e-mail: admin@elimhope.church or contact via Facebook

Best wishes to you all. Stay safe.



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