



'Happy to Learn'

12th May 2020

Dear Parents / Guardians & Pupils,

It is strange to think that had this been the Summer holidays, the teachers would be returning to school now having not been in school for 6 weeks. As it is, we are continuing with our home schooling and it looks like an element of this may continue even into the new school year. I, like you, have been following the news closely regarding the return to school and we are now starting to put plans in place (as best we can!) as to how we can safely accommodate pupils and staff whilst delivering the curriculum.

ACCELERATED READER

Ms Eakin has been keeping a keen eye on the Accelerated Reader scores of all our pupils and I would encourage all families to keep using this valuable resource.

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." – Dr. Seuss

MATHLETICS

Mrs McGivern has managed to secure access to Mathletics for our school and this is another excellent source of learning. We have been very pleased with the uptake from families and could I ask you all to pass on your thoughts about Mathletics to your class teacher as we may wish to invest in purchasing it on a longer term basis if we feel it is beneficial to our pupils.

AQE

I am sure all P6 parents have seen the recent press release from the AQE regarding this years entrance exams. Please remember the registration date is now the **14th May 2020** and you can apply on-line (further details can be found here - <https://aqe.org.uk/>). With the registration date now confirmed could I ask **all families that are applying to confirm this with Mrs Kirkland via SeeSaw**. It is my intention to run a Summer School for those pupils sitting the Entrance Exams in August (assuming we are allowed to) but it is imperative that I have accurate numbers in order to plan accordingly.

P7 TRANSFER LETTERS

I received a very late in the day email today explaining that the EA will be issuing letters to P7 families regarding their post primary placement school on the 4th June. As the post is not as reliable in the current climate, should any families not receive their letter, please email me at school and I will inform you of your child's next school.

THANK YOU

Finally, could I say a big 'Thank You!' to Mr David Williamson, who very kindly came into school last week to help Mr Robinson with some much needed grounds maintenance. The walkway up to school has never looked so clear! We really appreciate the help and we depended upon the support of families and should anyone else want to 'lend a hand' Mr Robinson and I will never turn you down!! Please get in touch with either Mr Robinson or myself.

Please stay safe and well and remember that the most important thing at the minute is to keep everyone you care about healthy and happy.

Thank you for your continuing support,

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