

## **Dear Families**

Our children and families continue to amaze us with your incredible determination, positive attitudes and commitment to learning. Attendance to live lessons remains extremely high and we continue to have almost 100% pupil engagement with Seesaw. This is no small achievement and we thank you for your incredible support and dedication.

Undoubtedly, we were all very much hoping that we could return to school after February half term & the news received last week that this won't be the case was extremely hard to hear. Our team continue to reflect and think of ways we can best support you at home and are committed to maintaining the connection with our children and families. This week we have made some timetable adaptions to allow children more time with their teacher to start the activities set and to share ideas with their friends online, please encourage your children to use this time offered at the end of the live session to improve the quality of their work and to reduce their reliance on you to help complete the set tasks. We have also added more detail and made some alterations to class timetables, the intention of this is to help you plan ahead of time if you wish. We very much understand the importance of finding a balance & routine that fits your family, if the class schedule does not fit with your other commitments or the needs of your child please adapt them as necessary. Class teachers are extremely responsive to messages & want to help, please use them to support you with any questions, queries or challenges you may have.

If you are interested, on the 11<sup>th</sup> February the consultant we have worked alongside to create our English Curriculum is offering a free seminar for parents to help them support reading at home. Gareth is always engaging, realistic & incredibly knowledgeable and we have always walked away from his training feeling inspired. Details can be found at <a href="https://twitter.com/LiteracyCounts1/status/1355044179622187010">https://twitter.com/LiteracyCounts1/status/1355044179622187010</a>

We could not ask you to do more than you already are & thank you for your ongoing support. Below are just a handful of the lovely things that children have been doing at home.



## **Mrs Stroud**

Our lovely Mrs Stroud has made the difficult decision to finish her time with us here at Mill View to allow more time to care for and spend time with family. Mrs Stroud will be greatly missed by all of us on the team. Her endless kindness, encouragement, thought and care is so gratefully received by children and staff alike. Mrs Stroud has a fabulous sense of humour that has really helped us through many times when laughter was just the thing we have needed. She is also an incredibly skilled practitioner who has supported children to make remarkable progress and achievements over the years and I have no doubt she is remembered fondly by many children who have passed through our doors. We hope that she will keep coming back to cheer us up over the coming months and to let us know how she is getting on. On Friday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 2.30pm our assembly will be a farewell celebration for both Mrs Stroud and Mrs Morris, please join us to wish them well.



## **Donations for Devices**

A huge thank you to our families who have made donations to ensure all of our children have adequate access to a digital device. Some of you have been incredibly generous and we were very shocked when we went to look to see if any donations had been made! Together you have raised £874, this will be added to the £2000 kindly donated by our PTA and money from school funds to purchase what is needed. This will made a huge difference to some of our families and will ensure that every child can access learning while not attending school.

Every week we make telephone contact with our families at home to catch up and say hello, over the next couple of weeks class teachers will be making these calls with the hope that they might be able to say hello to the children too. If there is a particular day that works best please let them know. If you would prefer we didn't call that is absolutely fine, just make contact with myself or Mrs Gibbons so we can make a note on our records.

We wish you a happy and safe week ahead.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Doyle & The MVP TEAM

Dates to add to your diary - further dates will be added as events are arranged so please do check each newsletter for changes.	
Whole school family zoom assembly	Every Friday 2.30pm
ID: 864 4334 3251 Passcode: celebrate	
If you child is receiving a celebration assembly postcard their class teacher will let you know via Seesaw	
STEAM week	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> February
Remote activities throughout the week with have a STEAM focus	
Last day of Spring Term 1	12 <sup>th</sup> February
First day of Spring Term 2	22 <sup>nd</sup> February
World Book Day	4 <sup>th</sup> March
More details to follow (dress up will be low key / optional)	
Parent / Teacher meetings	Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
More details to follow	
Last day of Spring Term 2	01 <sup>st</sup> April
First day of Summer Term 1	19 <sup>th</sup> April