

Friday 1st May 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

Firstly I would like to apologise to all the Sycamore children. I am sorry that I did not realise the teachers message was not on the website. I have been assured it will be there this evening ready for tomorrow. We certainly have not forgotten about all the children and hope they enjoy the video as soon as it is posted on the web-site.

Thank you for all the positive and helpful feedback about the continued learning opportunities for the children. The teachers are working very hard to get this right and we do welcome your comments as they help us to plan for the way ahead.

Our MAT, the ODBST, is changing the way we accept payments from parents. From next month, June 2020, we will be changing from Tucasi to Parent Pay. Mrs Smith, in the office, will be sending you more details as to how this is going to work. The ODBST have told us it will be easier and more efficient for everyone!

As the weeks go on some families may be finding things harder and life more of a challenge. If you are becoming more concerned or need any help please do email the office and we will do what we can to offer support or sign post you to where the best support is available.

It is hopeful that next week we may receive some clearer information about how and when schools may start to re-open. As this news starts to become public there can sometimes be confusion as to what this will actually look like in practise. Every school receives a daily update from the DfE and I will share any relevant information with you as soon as I receive it.

At the moment all our staff are fairly well, a few members of staff were hit pretty hard by the virus but have recovered well. If any of the children do become very unwell, please let us know so that we can send them special wishes. Also do keep the photos coming in, it is so nice to see the children having fun and making the very best of the situation. Don't forget next week's project is "Letter to my future self". This is an opportunity for the children to reflect on the lock down and keep a record of what it was like for them to reflect on in years to come. They can also write messages and stories about themselves to keep for the future, including drawings, poems, advise, lists of friends, likes and dislikes etc. Parents, siblings, grandparents and other significant friends and family members might also like to contribute to the memory box as well. Hopefully in years to come they will enjoy looking through this box of memories.

We still have some spare exercise books which we are keeping in the foyer of the school. If you do pass the school, during normal school hours, you are more than welcome to pop in and help yourself.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. Take care and stay safe!

Yours sincerely,

Lorraine Quirk