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Dear Parents/Carers



I am incredibly proud of all our children who, along with their families, have adapted so well to the current situation. They are adjusting to the new way of learning and have been producing some wonderful pieces of work as well as enjoying other important life experiences such as appreciating more family time, being imaginative and spending time outdoors. Life in school is very different, but everyone who has to be here is making the most of this unprecedented time. A

special mention has to go to our amazingly supportive parents who have done a fantastic job in encouraging the children to carry on with their learning in a variety of creative ways in such unfamiliar circumstances.

It is so heart-warming to feel the real sense of community spirit where people are so willing to come together and support each other in our times of need. I know, without doubt, that with this sort of unity, we are a strong community who will get through this together. I would also like to say a big thank you to all of my staff for their creative, dedicated professionalism in supporting the children both from home and at school.

FSM Eligibility

If your family circumstances have changed and you feel you may now be entitled to Free School Meals (and therefore food vouchers), please do let us know and we can help you with completing an application form. Please note this is not the same as the universal infant free school meals (UIFSM) for children in year R, 1 and 2.

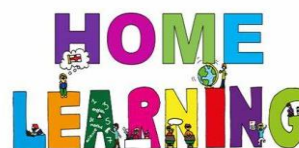
SPORTS Virtual Competition

It is great to see some children, families and teachers taking part and logging their scores in this competition. This week's sport is TENNIS. If you would like to have a go, please follow the link:

<https://www.activesussex.org/virtual/> where you will find activities to have a go at and also log your score. You can do this as many times as you want!

Home Learning

If you do have any concerns about helping your child learn or you need any other support from school, please remember you can let us know either by messaging your class teacher on the VLE, emailing the School Office or phoning school. We will respond to you as soon as we can.



We have loved seeing the children's fantastic learning from home and are tweeting when we can! Please follow us on: <https://twitter.com/beedingprimary> Please keep sending their work in by post, taking a picture and sending via email or via the VLE as we are showcasing work on our Twitter feed.

Keeping Safe

I hope you continue to stay safe and well. If your family is adversely affected by Covid-19 and the current situation, please get in touch with us either by phone or email so we can do what we can to help.

As we continue to remain in lockdown, the wellbeing of both children and families is really important. The NSPCC have a dedicated page of advice and support for parents and carers at this time. Please click on this link:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/coronavirus-advice-support-children-families-parents/>





Childcare

If at any point your family circumstances change and you fall into one of the Key Worker categories where it is essential you have childcare, please communicate this information by emailing the School Office with the completed form that was sent out to all parents on Tuesday 28th April. If you are unable to send us an email, please telephone us on **01903 812288** to let us know when you can collect a form. Please leave a message if necessary.

It is really helpful for us to have this information as soon as possible so we can ensure we have enough staff in school to meet the needs of the children we have in our care and ensure we follow Covid-19 guidelines.

Current guidance from the Government regarding Covid-19 is still:

1. Stay at home
2. Only go outside for food, health reasons or work (where this absolutely cannot be done from home)
3. Stay 2 metres (6ft) away from other people
4. Wash your hands as soon as you get home

VE Day – Friday 8th May

As we are unable to celebrate this historic occasion in school, here are a some of the events that are being planned across the UK that you could join in at home and online **this Friday**:

- 11:00am: A two-minute silence will be held to honour the service and sacrifice of the wartime generation and reflect on the devastating impact Covid-19 has had on so many lives across the world.
- 11:15am: The nation is invited to join in with the Royal British Legion's (RBL) VE Day 75 Livestream. Grab a cup of tea and tune in as the generations of the Second World War and today are brought together to chat about their shared experiences. Hosted by TV presenter Sonali Shah, the 45-minute programme will feature stories from those who served and sacrificed, as well as recognising the difficulties people are experiencing today.
- 3:00pm: The Nation's Toast to the Heroes of World War Two. Take part by raising a glass, cheering and clapping on your doorsteps and saying: "To those who gave so much, we thank you."
- 9:00pm: A pre-recorded address by the Queen will be broadcast at the exact moment her father, King George VI, gave a radio address on May 8 1945.
- 9:00pm: Fancy a sing-along? After the Queen's address, the nation is invited to come together in a rendition of Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' on BBC One.



We will potentially know more on Sunday on what the next step is for lockdown, but in the meantime we will keep doing all that we can to support your child's learning.



We would like to send our key worker parents a massive thank you for putting yourself out there to keep us all safe. Thank you again for your continued support and please stay safe and well.

Best wishes

Becky Linford
Headteacher

