



14 January 2021

Dear Parents,

It is really only just over a week since we began the start of term with remote learning? Thank you for all you are doing to support your children. The teachers are working tirelessly to provide the very best for our children, while reviewing what is working well and considering where adaptations can be made. It is much appreciated when families understand that there may be occasional glitches or mistakes, but fortunately not too many!

Our excellent teachers are taking on board the feedback they receive and being very creative and reflective in order to provide the highest quality educational experience in these difficult times. May I also just remind you of a few ways that you can help remote learning to be effective as possible? Printing off the materials the teachers send through the night before each day's teaching, is greatly appreciated. For Google Meets it really helps for the children to have these to hand. When your child is on a Goggle Meet thank you for endeavouring to keep background noise to a minimum. Of course, this is particularly challenging when you have many children or household members sharing a work space! It might work for others to wear headphones. The class teachers are trying to help you by sending out their class schedules in advance. Also, if you could please have your children avoid eating during Google Meets, this minimises distractions and helps the teacher and the other children on the Google Meet.

From next week we are looking to add Upper School Art, Lower School Music and whole school PE for your children. Details will be on the Google Classroom.

Enjoy the glimpses below showing what some remote learning has looked like in practice.

Reception Diamonds - Home Learning

What a great start we have all made in Reception to 2021! Children, Teacher and Parents alike have all been logging on, listening in to each other and typing comments across the internet, making good use of the resources we have available to us.

Here are a few examples of what we've been up to during our World and Me topic, from balancing things on our heads like Handa in the book, 'Handa's Surprise' to using our phonic skills to draw pictures that go with captions. We made cakes with more than ten candles to practise our counting skills and made weaving patterns with paper just like Handa's basket.

We even used coins to make amounts between 10p and 20p! Well done Diamonds (and Diamond parents!)



Year 4 Emeralds – Relationship Time

Year 4 have been making the most beautiful arty crafty pieces to reflect this week's memory verse.





There is a time for everything, a season for every activity under heaven. (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

Year 4 Emeralds - Science

Year 4 have been mini-chemists, investigating the properties of liquids in their personal lock down laboratories.





Please see attached a free e-copy of Family First magazine from the Department of Education and Public Health England.

With best wishes for your continued good health and good spirits.

Yours sincerely

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Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Here is your free e-copy of Family First magazine, packed full of information to help keep children happy, learning & entertained at home during lockdown- We hope it helps in some way.

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The Family First Team

