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Headteacher Update

Friday 1st May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the second week of this term and I continue to be so impressed with how everyone is coping with the challenging times we are facing. You are all doing a wonderful job of home educating, supporting emotional wellbeing and no doubt working and managing your family life alongside this, it's not easy and I hope that you are all ok too!

I'd like to share some of the positive things I have seen and heard about via our online communications and would welcome you all to continue to keep us informed of what you are up to so we can spread the good news! So far I have seen, amazing art work, creative cookery, detailed models, YouTube channels being created, volcanoes erupting in the kitchen and lots of swimming (and splashing) in paddling pools! What a fantastic bunch you are making these memories with your children!

I hope that you are all managing to engage with the home learning tasks available on our website. As well as daily English and Maths tasks we have made suggestions of how you may cover the creative topics that we had intended to focus on this term. Just do what you can and don't forget that for any support you need with this, teachers are available via email and during the phone calls they make to you.

We have loved talking to you on the telephone, the children have certainly become less shy and are telling us all about what they have been up to. We know that it can feel very isolating at times for families and are happy to increase the frequency of our calls at your request, so please don't be afraid to ask if you would like to hear from us more often, you know that we love to chat!

Facebook has quickly become my new favourite pastime! I am thoroughly enjoying keeping our page up to date, sharing ideas and videos and seeing all of your responses. We can now have photos in our comments so please do share if you would like to (the page is a public one so please be aware of this before sharing images).

Key worker provision is still available to our pupils at Parkside Primary School. I would like to extend my thanks to all at Parkside for making us so welcome at their lovely school and to our staff who are attending on a rota basis to care for the children.

At present I am unable to say when we may reopen, we are guided by the Government advice and will only open when it is deemed safe to do so. Until then I am sure that if we continue to work together in the ways I have talked about in this letter that we will be able to keep our Manor Hill Family strong and safe.

Finally, keep a look out for our next staff video which is currently in production, I think you will all be able to sing along to the words and hopefully it will make you smile!

Very best wishes,
Jess Roden