

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this letter finds you all safe and well. It is strange to think that we're already at the end of the second week of the Summer Term. We would normally be gearing up for Y2 and Y6 SATS, Sports day and exciting trips out of school, but of course things are very different for everyone at the moment.

I would like to thank everyone for their involvement with the home learning programme. The teachers have been very busy managing this and I know there have been a lot of busy pupils too! If you have any feedback regarding this I would really like to hear your comments – please send them to me on the headteacher email. I would like to stress once again that all families need to find their own balance between home learning, practical and outdoor activities, as well as relaxation time. We ask you to do what you can in a way that is possible for you. Please do not hesitate to ask us for support should you need it.

We continue to provide a provision in school for mainly the children of Keyworkers. Amongst other things, they have been busy painting rocks and hiding them around East Avenue Park – keep a look out when you are out walking for your daily exercise. You may want to add one of your own and make a collection of photographs of rocks you find! My thanks to all the staff for enabling the provision to happen as well as the office and site staff for keeping school running.



Look out for  
our banner in  
the village!

There has been a lot of successful online communication and I am aware of classes being able to 'get together' using Zoom. I have had direction from the Local Authority that Zoom is not to be used by schools due to security breaches and risks. We are now being asked to use Google Meet instead and Nursery have already been successful with this new platform.

Next Friday will be Bank Holiday which was specifically marked to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 'Victory in Europe' day. I hope everyone is able to take a break and make adaptations to celebrate the day.

Please keep in touch. We always have a member of the Senior Leadership Team in school and although I am working at home, I am available to contact via email: [headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@etchells.stockport.sch.uk)

Take care and look after each other. We are all missing you so much!

Best wishes

*Cathy Beddows and the Etchells staff*