

1st May 2020

Dear Families,

Well done for another week of home learning. We did think of you all as you would have experienced your first 'wet playtimes' this week with your children! We understand that it has been harder to get outside with the wetter weather and we are hoping the sunshine returns over the weekend.

This week we introduced a virtual 'hangout' so that your children were able to see their teachers and their peers. We hope this worked well for you and the teachers have reported how wonderful it was to see the children's smiling faces (at least once they'd worked out how to log in, mute, angle the screen etc.!) The move to virtual learning certainly has been a learning curve for the whole school community, so a huge well done to you and to our team for getting on board!

There have been reports this week that the Government may look to begin the re-opening of schools from the 1st June onwards. As yet, we have had no concrete confirmation of this and as always we await guidance from the DfE as to when and what the re-opening of our school will look like. As much as we miss the children, we will only open the school once it is safe to do so. You will be reassured that we have already been thinking 'recovery' plans through and had many discussions with other professionals about the best way to support our families, team and children upon their return.

We thought you may also be interested to know that, in addition to supporting your children with their home learning, our dedicated teachers and teaching assistants have completed over 50 professional development courses between them, to support their continued commitment to their practice whilst we are on lockdown. What a committed team we have and we extend our gratitude to them!

Finally, next Friday is the 75th Anniversary of VE Day, and sadly the celebrations we had planned will no longer be able to take place. In school this week our keyworkers' children created some bunting to help decorate the school. We invite you to create some bunting too, in red, white and blue to decorate your windows and gardens. Please send us some photos for our website!

Best wishes,

Mrs Smith, Mrs Rogers and The Clanfield Team

