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Dear Parents/Carers,

Yes, it is still week six. Thank you for everything you have managed to fit in so far this week. Everything you are able to cover right now is brilliant! Our Partnership community strategy is *'cup half-full'*. Whether it is 20 minutes of reading or/and one subject, you're nailing it! The Federation community has accessed the Virtual School nearly 12,000 times. Great to know it is being used, you are all really doing a great job!

## Edenred and the Free School Meal Voucher Saga!

Thank you all for your patience. We are beginning to see some movement with the distribution now, phew! Please ensure you redeem your voucher as soon as possible, regardless of when you would like to use it. It would also be wise to note the expiry date so you are not caught out.

## Virtual School

From Monday, teachers will be uploading 'Learning of the Week' videos. In the videos, teachers will be outlining the content of learning for Maths, English, Reading, (including phonics for EYFS and KS1) Science and Foundation subjects, including modelling any tricky concepts.

We have reviewed many different portals to support the uploading of pupils work to increase interactivity and decided to manage this in a manner that is easiest for everyone. Considering we have no idea how long this will be in place for, initiating that you start downloading apps and us navigating creating and distributing logins for individual children just sounds inefficient. For this reason, we have decided to set up 'Home Learning' emails for each year group. Teachers will outline the work they are happy to review in their 'Learning Week' videos, which will be one piece of English, Science and Foundation subject work weekly.

I hope, that with the mixture of our 'Parent and Pupil Questions' sheet, 'Learning of the Week' videos and 'Home learning' uploads, we can strike the right balance of interactivity between pupils and their teachers in a manageable way that can have an impact on teaching and learning, whilst supporting children's wellbeing. Please note, the home learning email addresses will be purely for children's uploads. Any other questions or comments should be sent to school in the usual ways and will not receive responses from teachers.

## **Daily Story Time**

Our first Story Time sessions will begin today, 2pm for EYFS and KS1 and 2.30pm for KS2. Be sure to visit the story time folders and watch our videos to see who the surprise reader will be.

## **Competition Time**

Why not allocate some structured time for your child/ren to enter this week's competition: **'The view from here'**? Artwork will be judged on the following:

- a) Imagination
- b) How clear it is
- c) How it makes the audience feel

Ensure you upload your entries to <u>bjspartnershipcompetition@gmail.com</u> by Friday 12pm. Winners will be announced on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May, along with next week's competition.

Thank you all so much for your support and offers of help. Safeguarding regulations and General Data Protection Regulations do restrict how much we can elicit your help. However, should there be anything we need, it feels great to know we can call on many of you.

Please remember, all previous letters can be found on the schools website under our COVID-19 tab.

Keep inside, keep safe and I will keep in touch.

Regards,

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