



5<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Families

How did it get to be June when just five minutes ago it was Christmas??!! In June we look forward to Mid-Summer's day and balmy summer evenings – just as the weather has changed and we need our winter coats back on!

Within school we are looking forward to welcoming back some year six pupils next week. Staff have been attending training with regards to the re-opening of school post lockdown and learning about all of the things we will have to do differently as pupils begin to re-engage with school life. We will be watching very carefully over the coming few weeks, observing actions and effects of the easing of lockdown, both nationally and within our own school. When we are in a position to share further information with you we will do so and will hopefully be able to widen our current invitation to a few more pupils. Let's watch this space and keep all fingers crossed for a positive outcome!

With regards to home learning, we are about to embark upon a new project across the school. As of Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June, you will be able to access the Science file on the home learning page on our website. Within this file there will be six sub categories; 'plants and growing' 'animals and humans' 'energy' 'let's investigate' 'changes' and 'materials and their properties'. We are hoping that you will have a science activity focus with your children at home over the next two weeks. Staff are busy preparing a wide range of resources so there should be something to suit the needs of every family.

In addition, there will a new blog for you to look out for next week. It will be posted at the bottom of our home page and is a short diary video of all the things that are happening in school at the moment. I hope that families will enjoy keeping in touch with events here in school through watching this video.

Zoom lessons are also scheduled as usual for all classes next week. You should have received an invite - they are planned as follows;

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00 Penguins  
10.30 Owls  
11.00 Robins

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00 Toucans  
10.30 – Swifts  
11.00 - Eagles

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June – 10.00 Puffins  
10.30 Kestrels  
11.00 Kingfishers

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Lots of families have shared with us how valuable they find the virtual lessons, so I do hope that families will continue to join us in these weekly get togethers.

Thank you so much to the families who have sent in photographs of their arty crafty achievements. We would really like to encourage more families to share their photographs with us so that we can make a video to share with our whole school community. Please send your photographs in to the school at the following address [homelearning@middleton.herts.sch.uk](mailto:homelearning@middleton.herts.sch.uk)

Finally, I am asking families to take the time to share some feedback with us via a 'survey monkey'. We are all living through unprecedented times and it is important to us that we support families in the best way we possibly can. As we move through the coming weeks we would like to ensure that we meet the needs of families who must continue to home school their children and we would like to invest our time and energies in the activities which mean the most to you. It is a very short, simple and anonymous survey. Your feedback really does matter to us and will shape our plans over the next few weeks. The link to the survey is <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/3LPL23K> and we would be very grateful if you could spare just a few minutes to tell us how you feel. It should take no longer than five minutes to complete the survey.

I do hope you enjoyed our special message, which features on the home page of our website and that you can see how much we are missing each and every one of your children.

Do take care, and stay safe and healthy as we move into a new phase of this journey together.

Kind Regards

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